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Greetings and what the top players want for Christmas

WHAT DO the stars want for Christmas?

Match Weekly has been asking top players up and down the country just that.

Here they talk about their hopes for the game and give their special greetings for Match readers.

SAM ALLARDYCE, Sunderland



MY CHRISTMAS wish is to get my family settled down in the Sunderland area. Since moving from Bolton Wanderers in the close season I have been commuting or staying in hotels.

I have not been able to buy a house in the North East and this has meant that I can't spend enough time with my wife and children Craig (5) and Rachael (2).

Generally I would like to see people stop knocking the game and look at the good side of football instead of always concentrating on the bad.

I hope all Match Weekly readers have a smashing Christmas and a great New Year.

SUNDERLAND'S central defender Sam Allardyce in a mid-air duel against Everton.

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JOE GALLAGHER, Birmingham City

I HAVE been with City for 10 years and this is our best ever season — I just want it to continue.

Our manager Jim Smith has dragged the club up from a struggling team to an established First Division side and the players would like to repay him with a place in the top six and Europe next season.

Five points from our three games over the holiday period will help us do that and that is what I am aiming for.

I would also like to see an end to crowd violence. It doesn't help the players or the reputation of our great game.

A Happy Christmas all Match readers.

BIRMINGHAM CITY skipper Joe Gallagher.



COLIN MORRIS, Blackpool

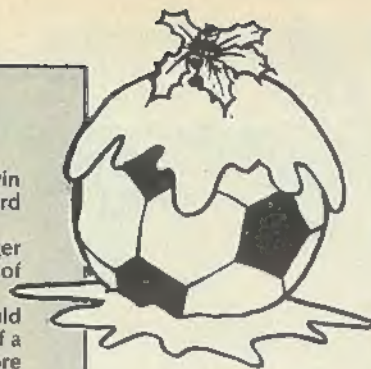
MY IDEAL Christmas present would be for Blackpool to win a couple of games and stop their slide down the Third Division.

After a very good start to the season under new manager Alan Ball we have slipped recently and given away a lot of silly goals.

My Christmas wish for football is that the game should be made more entertaining — I think the introduction of a 35 yard offside rule would be a good idea to bring more goals.

I hope Match Weekly readers have a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

BLACKPOOL striker
Colin Morris.



EXPERIENCED Leeds United star Eddie Gray.

EDDIE GRAY, Leeds United

I WOULD like to see Leeds United climbing up the First Division and for the fans to return to Elland Road.

This time of year is very busy for us and it is vital that we start collecting more points. Football still boasts as many skilful players as it did when I first started and I would like to see more fans on the terraces.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Match readers.



JOHN WARK, Ipswich

I JUST want everything to continue the way it has been going at Portman Road this season.

I want to keep scoring goals and to see Ipswich steer clear of injuries and keep up their Championship challenge.

I know we are living in difficult times when money is short, but I would like to see better crowds at football matches.

I hope Match readers have a great Christmas and a fabulous New Year.

IPSWICH TOWN'S leading goalscorer John Wark.



RAY KENNEDY... six point target.

RAY KENNEDY, Liverpool

I WANT Liverpool to have wrapped up another six points by the time our holiday programme has finished.

Christmas is our busiest time and we have a particularly tough game on Boxing Day — Manchester United at Old Trafford — followed by Leeds at Anfield.

My Christmas wish is for Liverpool to stay on target for the League Championship and for things to continue as they are now.

I also wish all Match Weekly readers the compliments of the season at this special time of year.

DAVID ARMSTRONG, Middlesbrough

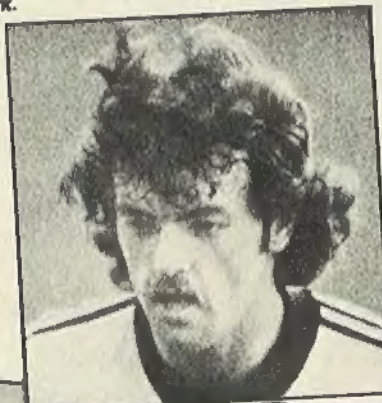


DAVID ARMSTRONG of Middlesbrough.

I WOULD like to see Middlesbrough lose their 'negative' tag and for the fans to realise what a good, entertaining side we are.

If the lost Middlesbrough fans would come along and watch us I am convinced that they would be impressed.

Personally I would like everybody to have a very good Christmas, forget all their troubles and just enjoy themselves.



JOHN MacDONALD, Rangers

I WANT to win the tenner I bet our coach Joe Mason at the beginning of the season.

I told him I would finish the campaign with 20 goals and I want to win that bet. The goals have dried up recently but I hope they will start flowing again soon.

My football wish is an end to violence on the terraces. I think that clubs could do a little more to combat this by providing pre-match entertainment.

I would like to wish all Match readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

JOHN MacDONALD, of Rangers.



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title race.

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including some great Christmas
competitions and cartoons.

From everyone at Match we
wish you good reading and a
very, merry Christmas.

The Editor



Praise for Shaw from Mariner

PAUL Mariner, of Ipswich and England, is
generally rated as the best striker in the
Football League and when he reckons a
19-year-old could end up as the First
Division's leading scorer it must rank as
praise indeed.

Aston Villa's Gary Shaw (left) is the
player concerned. Gary, a former England
Youth international, actually made his
League debut against West Bromwich in
November, 1978 — nearly two months
before he was signed as a professional.
He showed his goal potential last season
when he ended up as Villa's top scorer
even though he only played in 28 games
... and this season he'd already bagged
14 at the half-way stage.

Who took two?

HERE'S a little Christmas teaser
for you. Can you name the
player who received two Cup
Final winners medals from the
Queen after a match at
Wembley?

We'll give you a few clues.
He's 33 and is now a registered
player with his fourth Football
League club.

ANSWER: It is Mick Bates,
who is now with Doncaster.
He received the two
medals after Leeds had beaten
Aston Villa 1-0 in 1971-72.
Midfielder Mick was the
substitute and he also picked
up the medal for Mick Jones,
who had been injured.
Bates joined Walsall after
nearly 12 years at Leeds, then
Bradford in 1978, moving to
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MATCH WEEKLY

Sansom backs Mal gamble

CRYSTAL PALACE have taken a big gamble by appointing Malcolm Allison as their manager but Arsenal's Kenny Sansom believes it's one that could pay off.

Kenny, who played under 'Big Mal' during his first spell in charge at Selhurst Park still believes that Palace are too good to go down.

"I know they lost their first game under his leadership 3-0, but I still think they can avoid the drop.

"Christmas will be the vital time — they must string a few positive results together and Malcolm could help them do that.

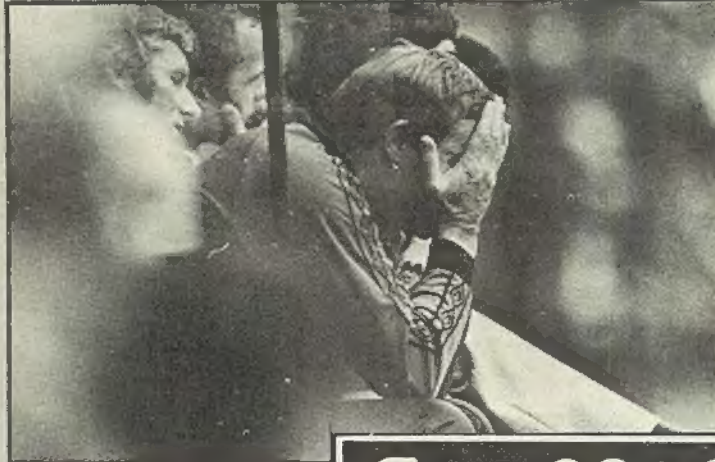
"I am sure that his appointment will boost the players' confidence — he's that sort of manager.

"Malcolm knows that if he fails he faces the sack again.

"I believe he and Ernie Walley could prove to be a good combination. I worked with Ernie when he was in charge of the reserves at Palace and found him a very good, fair man.

"It really has not been Palace's season. Since I left they have been beset by problems. I just hope they get sorted out quickly," added Kenny.

Below: Malcolm Allison — head in hands — before he got the boot from Manchester City. He'll be looking for an upward trend in fortunes now he's back at Crystal Palace.



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"THE best thing I ever did was leaving Walsall" . . . that's the claim of Chesterfield striker Alan Birch.

While he cost just £30,000, Alan is now worth several times that amount to the Third Division club.

He hankers for a higher grade of football and if Newcastle improve their bid he could be on his way to St James' Park . . . to join up again with manager Arthur Cox who bought him from Walsall in his time as boss at Saltergate.

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Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Walters

David crashes out

PORTSMOUTH midfielder star David Gregory will think twice next time before he decides to put in some extra training.

The last time he tried it the former Stoke City player ended up out of action following a collision with team-mate Keith Viney.

As David was sprinting up and down the side of the Fratton Park pitch he bumped into Keith and ended up in the concrete terracing with a badly gashed knee and arm.

"It's the worst injury I have ever had," said David, who has been a regular on the scoresheet for Third Division Pompey this season.

While David was out of action Portsmouth slipped out of the F.A. Cup — losing 3-0 at Colchester.

Gruesome bunch

WHEN you see that DEATH keeps goal for Reading you realise that soccer can be a pretty gruesome business. COFFIN used to be a Chester winger, GHOST and SKULL were half-backs with Palace, and Rotherham respectively. BLOOD a Luton Town forward and BODDY a Bradford City back.



Stuff these in your stocking

WHAT presents will the soccer personalities be looking for in their Christmas stockings you may wonder?

Well, Match Weekly has come up with a few gifts for the stars of our game . . . all in fun, of course!

● **NEW Crystal Palace boss** Malcolm Allison would no doubt relish a long term contract.

● **AND** how about a brush to assist Gerry Francis in his new sweeping role at Selhurst Park?

● **NOTTINGHAM Forest boss** Brian Clough wants a gold disc (and some singing lessons), but then again 'You can't win 'em all'.

● **ALL Manchester United's** Scottish international striker Joe Jordan wants is his two front teeth.

● **STEVE Doley**, Manchester City's £1 million reserve, might like another offer from Chelsea and a colour picture of his boss, John Bond.

● **A FILM** of Swedish club Malmo's European Cup Final appearance against Nottingham Forest to remind Bristol City boss Bobby Houghton that he has had some success in football.

Left: Steve Williams . . . could do with some built up shoes to look Lawrie McMenemy in the eye!



Above: Joe Jordan . . . all he wants for Christmas is his two front teeth!

● **A PAIR** of built-up shoes are on the way for Southampton's Steve Williams so that he can feud with manager Lawrie McMenemy on the same level in future.

● **AND** let's send a tie apiece to BBC 'Match of the Day' team Jimmy Hill and Bob Wilson so that they can smarten themselves up on a Sunday afternoon.

Kevin

KEEGAN



It's unlucky season No. 13 for me

IT LOOKS certain that I will miss Southampton's Christmas games — so now I must look forward to the New Year to bring me a change of luck.

In my 13 seasons in football this has to rate as my worst for injuries. The longest I had ever been out of the game before was when I was suspended for six weeks in Germany.

The hamstring trouble has proved a niggling injury and it has been a depressing time for me.

But I can't complain too much because I have been so lucky in the past. Injuries are part and parcel of the game and footballers accept them.

At the moment I am spending most of my days on the Southampton treatment table or at the local hospital in the therapy pool.

I don't go to many of the Saints' games when I am injured because I'm not a good spectator — I'm always thinking about what I would have done in a situation.

I have been spending many Saturday afternoons getting the garden of our new home into some kind of shape in preparation for us moving in.

Christmas for me will be a quiet, homely

affair with wife Jean, baby Laura Jane and a couple of good friends from Liverpool who will be staying with us.

It is a time for the family and it is a pity that it is our busiest time of the year. In Germany they have a two week break over the holiday period.

But I don't think there should be a break over here if it makes the season any longer. There are so many games now that clubs are stretched to get them all in as it is.

If they dropped a cup competition then it would be possible to have a short break — but I can't see that happening.

I do think it's a little unfair asking teams to play so many important games in such a short space of time — players just don't get enough time to recover from any knocks they might pick up.

After the Christmas games you will have a fair idea which teams will be making the running at the top and which teams are doomed to fight against relegation.

But this is a happy time and may I take this chance to wish all Match readers a smashing Christmas and a great New Year — Cheers!

Gary

BAL

Liverpool & Christmas

UNITED'S MATCHES between now and the New Year may turn out to be three of the most important League games we play this season.

The Christmas programme could decide which teams are left in contention for the title race . . . and each of our matches are against championship rivals.

We begin with an away trip to Arsenal on Saturday. That's followed with a home game against champions Liverpool on Boxing Day. And the following Saturday it's West Brom away.

It's a tough schedule, but we have to get points from these difficult games if we are to stay in the running.

Arsenal and West Brom are very much like ourselves. They have played well at times, but they've dropped one or two points here and there.

Liverpool meanwhile recently went back on top of the table and our meeting on Boxing Day could be an all-time classic. It's almost sure to be a sell out and hopefully it will be a great game.

Every United fan will be delighted to hear that there is a chance Ray Wilkins and Gordon McQueen might be back in action for the reserves that day.

What a lovely Christmas present it would be for them and the club if they are match fit once more.

Because it is such an important time for football it means that the players can't celebrate the occasion like everyone else . . . there can be no over-eating or drinking to excess.

Someone will have to come up with a slim-line turkey especially for footballers!

It's not so bad for me because I'm a bachelor, but I feel sorry for those players with wives and children because it's impossible for them to spend the whole of Christmas with their families.

At United for instance the team will be meeting up at our hotel at lunchtime on Christmas Day to prepare for our match with Liverpool.

Straight after that match we'll be off to the Midlands for our game with Albion the following day.

The players will probably get a couple of days off sometime after Christmas, but I think there's probably a case for a couple of

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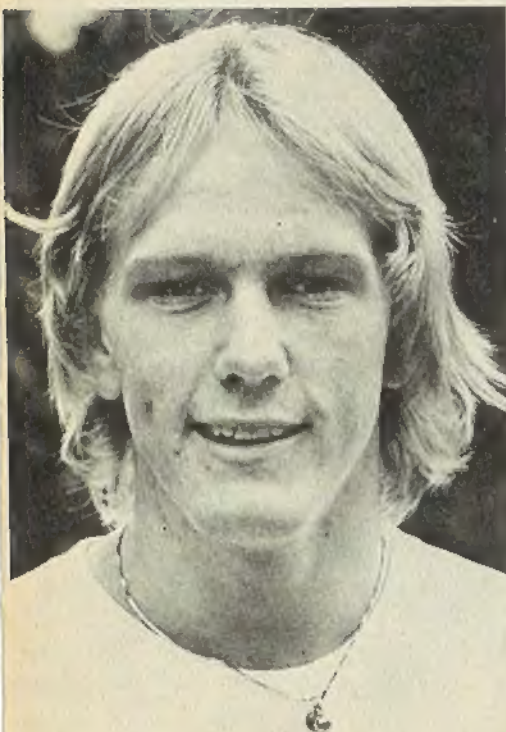
I could be as classic

weeks break after the festive occasion, especially as the pitches are often frozen and unplayable at this time.

That just leaves me to wish football fans everywhere a trouble free time on the terraces over the next couple of weeks and for the rest of the season.

Wishing all Match readers a safe and happy Christmas, see you in the New Year...

Gary Bailey



Kenny

SANSOM

Emotional return to the Palace

BOXING Day will be an emotional occasion for me because it will be my first game up against my old club, Crystal Palace, since I joined Arsenal.

It will be a funny experience going to Selhurst Park and playing on the other side — I don't really know what to expect.

I suppose I shall get a ribbing from the Palace players before the match. They will pull my leg about being a £1m player.

But I don't know what the reaction of the fans will be because I always got on very well with them when I was a player there.

Obviously I want to be on the winning side, but I hope that it doesn't harm their chances of staying up too much if we do win.

Anyway I won't have much time to dwell on the game because we entertain Manchester United just before Christmas and then Ipswich the day after Boxing Day!

Ipswich are going really well at the moment and I regard the match as a real test of our title hopes.

Their two main strikers — England team-mate Paul Mariner and Scotland's Alan Brazil — are very dangerous.

Eric Gates plays in an odd position just behind these two but when it comes off he too is a very lethal opponent.

A couple of weeks ago we moved into a house in Barnet which is just 20 minutes away from Highbury — but that doesn't mean I will be able to cut down my Christmas Day travelling.

I shall spend most of the day visiting as many of our relatives as possible, before having Christmas lunch at home with my wife Elaine and daughter Natalie.

I will not be able to spend all Christmas Day at home however because we have to book into a London hotel that night in preparation for the Palace game.

I am a great believer in a two week break from football at Christmas — the conditions are not really the best for good football at this time of year anyway.

It would give players a chance to enjoy the whole of the festive season with their wives and families and I think that's very important.

Hope you have a super Christmas and a prosperous New Year...



K. Sansom



THE ROAD TO STARDOM

'My old school tie-up with Garry'

by Paul Dyson of Coventry and England Under-21

ENGLAND UNDER-21 centre half Paul Dyson formed a devastating striking partnership with Coventry team-mate Garry Thompson while the pair were at school.

The tall Brandswood School duo struck fear into the hearts of other Birmingham schools as they scored with easy regularity.

And the pair inevitably caught the eye of the football scouts as they plundered the goals.

Garry is still knocking them in for the Sky Blues while Paul (who celebrates his 21st birthday on Saturday, December 20) is being tipped as a future England defender.

"I enjoyed playing up front at school. I think the reason we scored so many goals between us was because we were so much bigger than the rest of the players," said Paul.

But when the youngster signed associate schoolboys forms for Coventry they saw his potential as a defender and moved him to centre half.

And at 15-years-old Paul's progress had been so impressive that he made his debut in the

Coventry Reserves.

"A great deal of credit must go to my teacher at Brandswood, Ivor Williams. He was a very good coach."

The Birmingham school has quite a reputation for producing League footballers. Everton's Bob Latchford and his goalkeeping brothers Peter and David went to the same school.

And, ironically, it was against Bob Latchford and Everton that Paul made his first team debut at Highfield Road in December 1978.

"I played in defence with Jim Holton against Bob and Mick Lyons. It was a good day for me because we won 3-2 and I was satisfied with my display."

But the highlight of Paul's short career so far was the winner he scored against Liverpool last season when the Coventry kids beat the First Division leaders 1-0.

He rose above Phil Thompson to push the ball into the net and pull off one of the shock results of the season.

COVENTRY'S Paul Dyson in action for England Under 21 in their match against Switzerland Under 21 this season.

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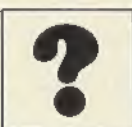
2 Which Striker scored the most goals for England?

Bob Latchford ☐
Bobby Charlton ☐
Alan Sunderland ☐



3 How many European Cup Winners' Medals has Trevor Francis been awarded?

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐



4 Who scored six goals in a cup tie yet finished up on the losing side?

George Best ☐
Dennis Law ☐
Kenny Dalglish ☐

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Steve's a wonder!

**Steve Goble (Norwich City) v
Sunderland, Football League,
Division One, November 22, 1980,
Carrow Road.**

YOUNG Norwich winger Steve Goble knew exactly what to do when he found himself clear of the Sunderland defence with just 'keeper Chris Turner to beat.

"The week before against Nottingham Forest I found myself in the same position and tried to go round their 'keeper Steve Sutton — but he took the ball off me. I vowed then that next time I would shoot on sight," said Steve.

And it worked for his early left foot effort found the far corner of the net and had the Carrow Road crowd on their feet.

Tony Powell began the move with a powerful clearing header to Justin Fashanu, who laid the ball off immediately to Mick McGuire. Goble continued:

"Mick played a lovely ball over the top of the defence and I ran on to it from the half-way line.

"I was in no doubt what I was going to do; my only worry was keeping the ball under control," said Steve.

The goal was Steve's second for Norwich — his first coming last season in their 4-2 win at Brighton.

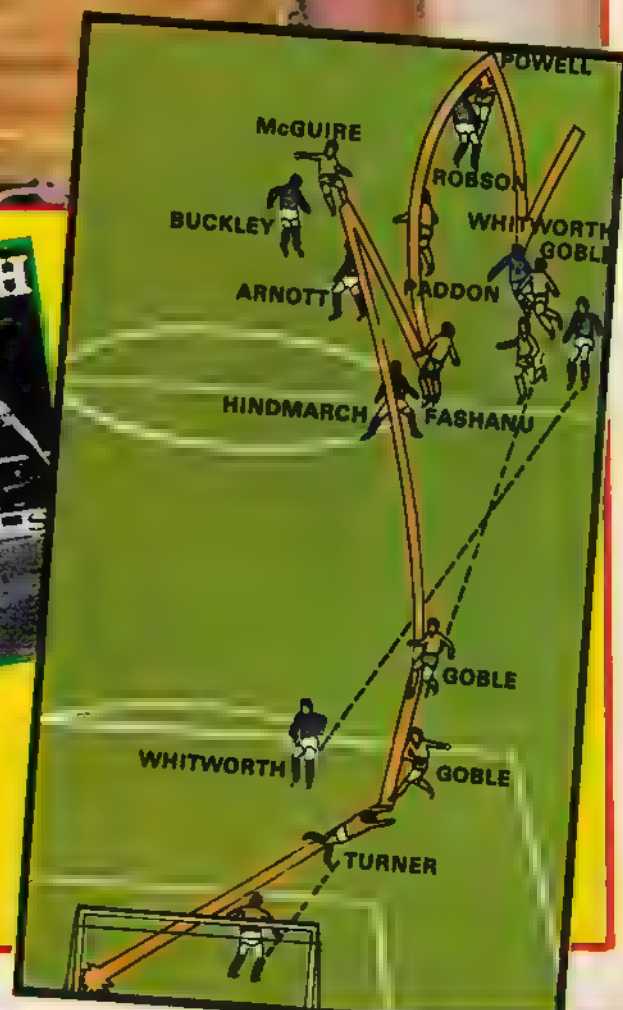
"Obviously I enjoy scoring goals but it doesn't concern me if I don't get on the scoresheet — my job is to provide the crosses for our big strikers Justin Fashanu and Joe Royle."



Golden Goal



Steve Goble cracks the ball past 'keeper Chris Turner to score his Golden Goal having outpaced Steve Whitworth and the Sunderland defence



Next week: Noel's Irish cracker

STAR GALLERY

A great new Match Weekly feature

Here's a chance to have some great football drawings of your favourite players. All you have to do is send in a short letter telling us why you think he deserves a place in the Match Weekly star gallery. £2 postal order with any drawing published. Write to: Star Gallery, Match Weekly, 100, The Strand, London WC2R 0AL.



Two Liverpool fans, Graham and John, have drawn the picture of two players from Norwich, Essex, Nicole Moffatt (18) is the one responsible for the David Johnson masterpiece and partner Adam is captured with Kennedy on the pitch.



Robert of Belfast, Northern Ireland, has drawn this picture of England and Manchester United star, Steve Bruce, who is a Liverpool fan.



SOCCER fans everywhere are in for a festive treat as the Christmas programme serves up its usual footballing feast.

And if past years are anything to go by it will be thrills and goals all the way.

Just to whet your appetite Match Weekly has delved into the Christmas files to revive memories of some real Christmas crackers.

IT'S A CRACKER . . . Over 49,000 fans — the Third Division's best ever crowd — packed into Hillsborough to see Sheffield Wednesday wallop city rivals United 4-0.

IT'S A CRACKER . . . Arsenal showed their North London neighbours Tottenham no Christmas spirit in 1978 by hammering them 5-0.

Alan Sunderland grabbed himself a hat-trick while Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady (now Juventus) joined in the festivities with a goal apiece.

IT'S A CRACKER . . . Defences were giving away plenty of gifts that year at Highfield Road in the Coventry-Norwich fixture. The game produced a nine goal thriller with the Sky Blues winning 5-4 thanks to a last minute penalty save from their keeper Jim Blyth.

IT'S A CRACKER . . . Little Lou Macari found the Everton defence in a give-away mood when Manchester United visited Goodison Park in 1977. He scored two as the 'Reds' strolled home 6-2.

IT'S A CRACKER . . . The Liverpool defence were their usual Scrooge-like selves in 1976 when Stoke City visited Anfield.

But the Liverpool forwards were in a party mood and went on a four goal spree. David Johnson, Phil Neal (penalty), Phil Thompson, and Kevin Keegan got the goals.





Left: Liverpool's David Johnson cracked a Christmas goal against Stoke in 1976.

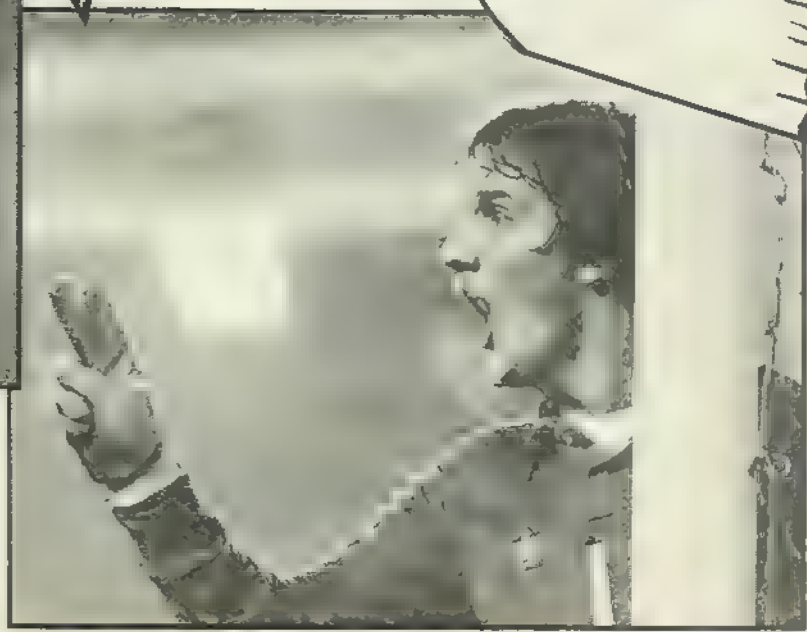
Above: Alan Sunderland grabbed himself an early Christmas present in 1978 when he scored a hat-trick for Arsenal.

Christmas Crackers



Left: Wednesday delight. A jubilant Terry Cunan is held aloft after scoring a brilliant Boxing Day goal last year.

Above: Lou Macari — he couldn't have wished for a better Christmas gift in 1977.



Right: A last minute penalty save by Jim Blyth gave Coventry both points in a thrilling Christmas encounter two years ago.

Six World Cup books must be WON

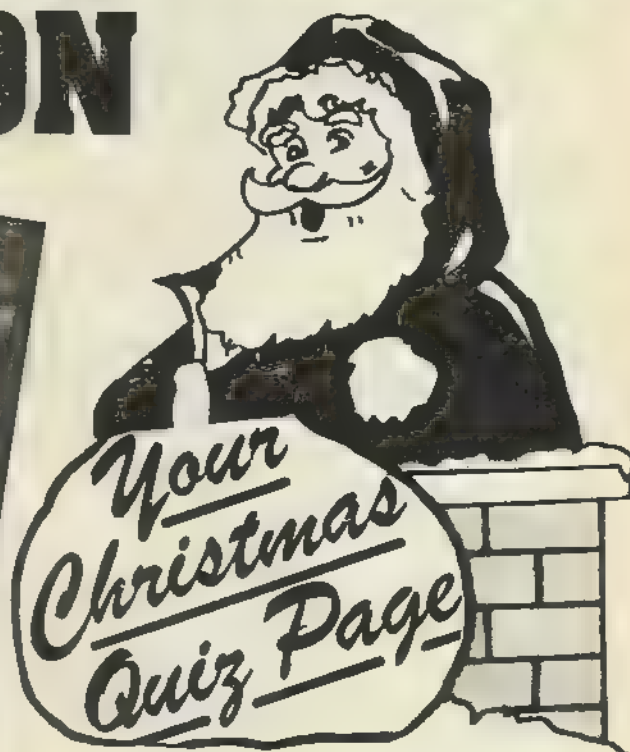
We've got six superb copies of 'The History of the World Cup' to give away in this free-to-enter competition.

Autographed by the author, leading sports journalist Brian Glanville, the book traces the history of the World Cup in 1930 and with statistics and many behind-the-scenes stories follows its progress through to Argentina's epic triumph in 1978.

Below are some facts and figures about the last four World Cup finals — but you will notice they are all jumbled up.

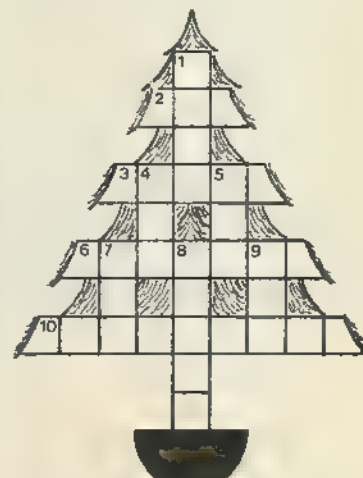
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The address to send your entry to is: Match Weekly (World Cup), 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough.



TREE-WORD

1. Liverpool's Jimmy.
2. Any soccer supporter.
3. A colour worn by Plymouth Argyle.
4. The animal on Derby County's badge.
5. The Stretford - - - will be found at Old Trafford.
6. Famous stadium used as a home ground by Scotland.
7. Sir - - - Ramsey.
8. David - - - - became manager of Luton two years ago.
9. Reading's ground is - - - Park.
10. The nickname of Everton.



Answers to Tree-Word (No. 3)
1. Case; 2. fan; 3. green; 4. ram; 5. Elm; 6. Hampden; 7. Alf; 8. Pleat; 9. Elm; 10. Toffeemen

YEAR	VENUE	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	FINAL SCORE
1966	MEXICO	WEST GERMANY	HOLLAND	3-1
1970	ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA	WEST GERMANY	4-2
1974	ENGLAND	BRAZIL	HOLLAND	4-1
1978	WEST GERMANY	ENGLAND	ITALY	2-1

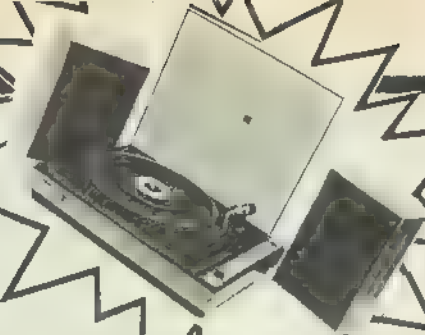
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1966				
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Name Age.....

Address.....

QUIZ TIME

How's your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly.

1. WHO SCORED NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S GOAL IN THE 1980 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL?
2. WITH WHICH CLUB DID JOHN MAHONEY BEGIN HIS LEAGUE CAREER?
3. IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING FROM THEIR NICKNAMES:
a) THE BLUEBIRDS b) THE COBBLERS c) THE SONS
4. FROM WHICH CLUB DID EVERTON SIGN GOALKEEPER GEORGE WOOD?

5. WHICH ENGLAND PLAYER SCORED AN OWN GOAL IN THEIR 4-1 DEFEAT BY WALES IN THE HOME INTERNATIONALS?
6. WHICH ITALIAN TEAM WON THE 1980 ALITALIA CUP FINAL, DEFEATING SUTTON TOWN IN THE FINAL ON PENALTIES?
7. NORTHERN IRELAND WON THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS. IN WHICH YEAR DID THEY LAST WIN IT OUTRIGHT?
8. NAME THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL WHO BROKE BOBBY MOORE'S WORLD CUP RECORD DURING THE 1974 WORLD CUP IN ARGENTINA?
9. NAME THE ONLY ENGLISHMAN TO BE PLACED IN THE FIRST THREE OF THE GOLDEN BOOT AWARDS
10. FOR WHICH ITALIAN TEAM DID JIMMY GREAVES PLAY?

ANSWERS

1. JOHN ROBERTSON, 2. CREWE
3. a) CARDIFF, b) NORTHAMPTON TOWN, c) DUMFRIES
4. BLACKPOOL, 5. PHIL THOMPSON, 6. TRIESTINA
7. 1974, 8. NORDJUNST, 9. FRANCIS LEE, 10. A.C. MILAN

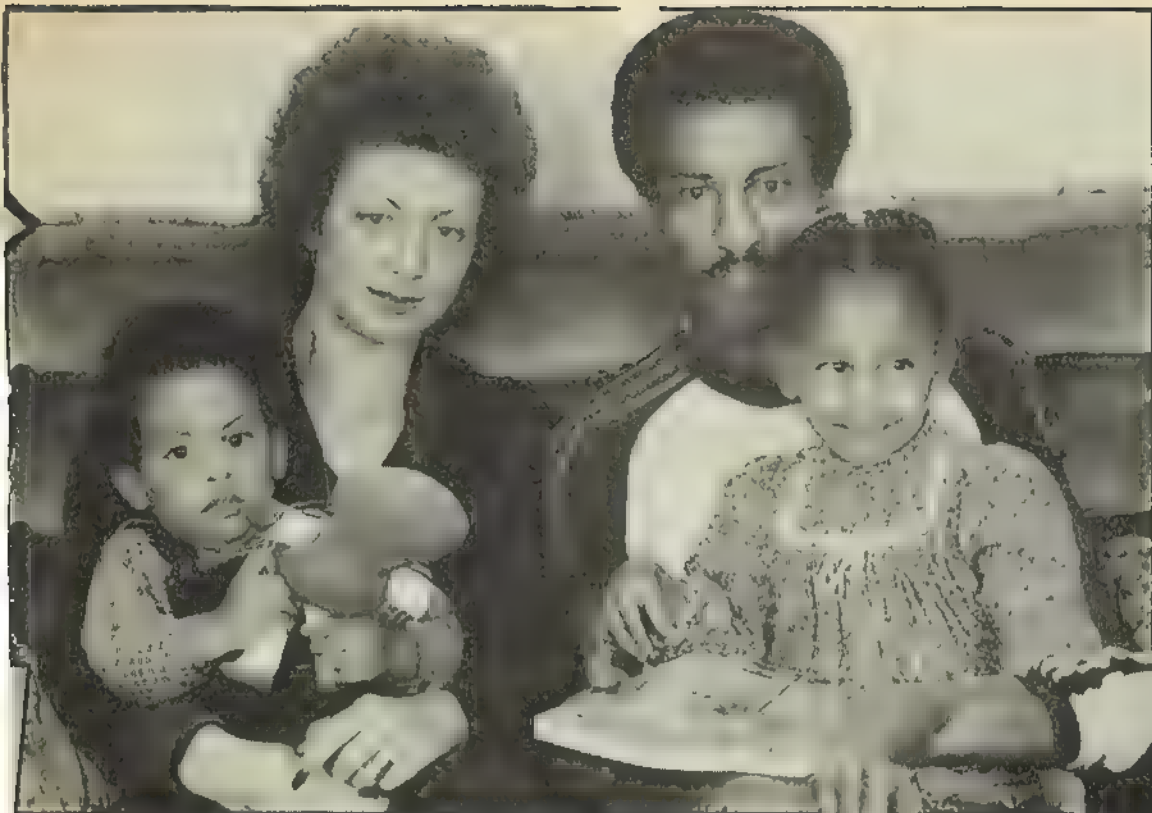
The other Christmas world of West Brom's...



ABOVE: Soccer joy for Brendon Batson as he celebrates a goal with team-mate Gary Owen.

LEFT: Christmas joy for Brendon and his children, Zoe and Jason, as they gather round the Christmas tree with their presents





Brendon the family man at home with his wife Cecily, son Jason and daughter Zoe at their Walsall home.

BRENDON BATSON



LEFT: Music fan Brendon is pictured in the electronic quarter of his home with his video, television and music centre.

RIGHT: Brendon Batson, the attacking defender, in action for West Bromwich Albion.

THE **XMAS FIVES** ARE WELL UNDER WAY.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

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FANS

THE DIRECTORS TOOK ON THE MANAGERS — AND WERE TOO SMART FOR THEM.

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FAIRYNUFF

PLAY-OFF GAME
-WANDERERS
V DIRECTORS

THE REFS V FANS MATCH WAS MUCH

SAY - WHO PUT THIS REFEREE UNDER MY FOOT....

LESS DEVISIOUS!

BONK

AW REF

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ALAN MULLERY
AND BRIGHTON FC.

TOURNEY CHIEF

EVEN WITH A SUB FROM THE ELTON JOHN SCHOOL FOR TEAM CHAIR PERSONS - THE DIRECTORS WERE TOO TIRED AND OVERCOME!

SOCCER TACTICS
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FOR GARRY BIRTLES

IAN BOTHAM

THE FINAL - WANDERERS V FANS - IT WAS A GREAT CONTEST AND WITH THE SCORES LEVEL IN EXTRATIME

SORRY LADS - IT'S TIME-UP... I'VE ALL THESE PRESENTS TO DELIVER...

PEEP
PEEP

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

STRATTON

on Saturday



Beat Paul's predictions

Saturday,
December 20

Here are my ten predicted scorelines for Saturday. There's a space for your forecasts, one for dad and a column for the actual results.

You get two points for every score you get right and one point if you get a result right (i.e. home, away or draw) but the scoreline wrong.

Carry your points total forward each week.

Match	My forecast	Your forecast	Dad's forecast	RESULT
Arsenal v Man Utd	1-1			
Man City v Leeds	3-0			
Se'ton v Palace	2-1			
Chelsea v Orient	3-1			
West Ham v Derby	2-0			
Burnley v Plymouth	1-0			
Middlesbrough v Portsmouth	2-1			
Crows v Darlington	3-2			
Scunthorpe v Tranmere	1-0			
St Mirren v Dundee U	0-2			

WHO WON THIS WEEK

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

DAD

Aggregate scores earned forward to next week

PAUL

YOURSELF

DAD

Tough for United

DRAW specialists Manchester United face Arsenal on Saturday looking for their first League win at Highbury since season 1967-68.

The last nine League meetings between the two clubs in North London have resulted in seven Arsenal victories and two draws.

And in seven of those matches the Gunners have fired home three or more goals.

It's going to be tough for United but I can't see Arsenal scoring that many this time against one of the best defences in the First Division and I go for the draw.

'Hammering' for Derby

Second Division promotion favourites West Ham and Chelsea should both step two points closer to a return to the top flight with home victories.

Derby have lost only once in their last eight League visits to Upton Park — winning three and drawing four.

And earlier this season at the Baseball Ground they beat West Ham 2-0.

But it's a 'hammering' for them on Saturday.

Chelsea meanwhile entertain London rivals Orient at Stamford Bridge.

Special memories for 'Blues' full-back Dennis Rowe who began his career with the O's and he should be a happy man at the end of the day.

No cheer for Palace

CRYSTAL Palace will need Santa Claus and all his helpers to come away from Southampton with any Christmas cheer.

The last time the London side won a League game at the Dell was 16 years ago when they triumphed 1-0.

And their last five visits have all resulted in defeat. . . . Palace conceding 15 goals and scoring just one.

That may all be in the past, but in current form there's no reason to suggest a change of fortunes on Saturday.

Southampton themselves have had their ups and downs this season, but at Sturport Park it's more a case of what hasn't gone wrong.

Thin ice

The team that sat the First Division alight last term now find itself skating on thin ice at the bottom of the table.

And to make matters worse, transfer requests have been flying around like feathers as a turkey farm.

Palace undoubtedly have the players to lift them out of trouble. In former England captain Gerry Francis, Under-21 international Paul Hinshelwood, Billy Gilbert, Vince Hile, Welsh international Ian Walsh . . . and of course £1 million-rated striker Clive Allen.

It beats me how a struggling side can ever afford to leave a goalkeeper of proven ability like Clive on the sidelines.

For sure Palace are too good to drop back into the Second Division, but I can't see any festivities for them on Saturday. One consolation is that they won't have to worry about Phil Boyer who scored a hat-trick against them on their last visit to the Dell.



Clive Allen . . . his ability to score goals is vital to Palace.



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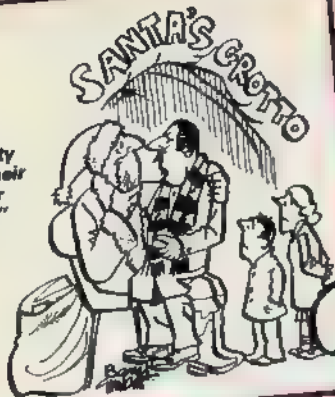
ASTON



N VILLA

match
Fotocall

"I WANT City to win all their games over Christmas."



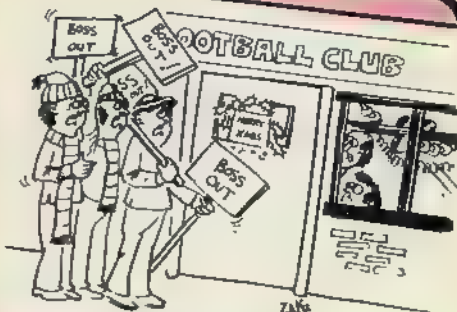
Question: What's blue and white and red all over?"

Answer: Tottenham Hotspur after being beaten by Manchester City 3-1.
Bruce Edwards, Pontyclun, Mid-Glams.

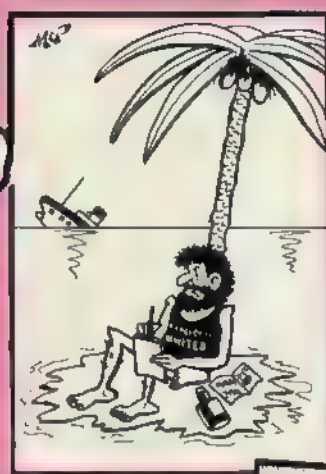
Question: What did Malcolm Macdonald say when he bought a Christmas drink for his players?

Answer: "Fulham up please!"
Tony Mills, Horsham, Sussex.

IT'S FUN TIME



"I don't think they're carol singers, boss!"



"DEAR Joe, glad to hear your team City are improving. Thanks for sending the Christmas card. I knocked a nail in the cabin wall to hang it up as you suggested..."



Question: What is the connection between Tottenham Hotspur and my garden?

Answer: They both have holes in defence!
David Speers (13), Cockfosters, Herts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - AND GOODWILL TO ALL MEN!



"OH, hard luck... well played... good try..."



"... AND why not? He gives away more gifts than the real one!"

SWOP SHOP

OFFER: Ipswich Town scarf.
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Sarah Garwood, 31 Khartoum Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

OFFER: 47 Sheffield United programmes and nine Leicestershire Cricket Club programmes.
WANTS: Four Liverpool home programmes from last season or 1978 European Cup Final and 1977 Super Cup prog.
Stephen Fryett, 29 Wintersdale Road, Leicester.

OFFER: Subbuteo teams.
WANTS: Fourth Division pennants.
David Sandercock, 19 Monmouth Crescent, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, Lancs.

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WANTS: About 25 assorted programmes.
Paul Bunting, 139 Richmond Park Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

OFFER: Many autographed pictures (including George Best, Joe Jordan and Dave Watson).
WANTS: Other autographs, English or foreign.
Simon Waite, 9 Coverdale Way, Burnley Lancs.

OFFER: Arsenal (number five), Manchester United (number eight) and Chelsea (number four) annuals.
WANTS: Any football programmes.
P. Baxter, 54 Hendemon Road, Carlisle, Cumbria.

OFFER: Eight assorted West Ham programmes from 1976-77 and 1978-79 seasons.
WANTS: Everton v Crystal Palace (1979-80) or other programmes
Chris Stone, 174 Mead Way, Hayes, Bromley, Kent.

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Match FACTS

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- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Tuesday, Dec. 9

League Cup Quarter Final, Replay

COVENTRY (3) 5 (Bodak 6, Hateley 30, 85, Thompson 34, Hunt 80)
WATFORD (0) 0
Att 30,348
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Blair 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, ★BODAK 8, Daly 7 (sub Jacobs), Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 7
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 7, Harrison 6, ★BLISSETT 8, Terry 7, Jackett 6, Callaghan 6, Armstrong 7, Jenkins 6 (sub Henderson 6), Train 6, Poskett 6
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Anglo Scottish Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Stirk)
BURY (0) 1 (Johnson)
Att 6,440
Chesterfield won 3-2 on aggregate

Wednesday, Dec. 10

UEFA Cup Third Round, Second Leg

WIDZEW LODZ (0) 1 (Pieta)
IPSWICH (0) 0
Att 8,000
Ipswich won 5-1 on aggregate

Other results. Standard Liege (Belgium) 4 Dynamo Dresden (E Germany) 1 (Liege won 5-2 on aggregate), Sochaux (France) 2 Eintracht Frankfurt (W Germany) 0 (aggregate 4-4, Sochaux won on away goals), Alkmaar (Holland) 5 Radnicki (Yugoslavia) 0 (Alkmaar won 7-2 on aggregate), Real Sociedad (Spain) 2 Lokeren (Belgium) 2 (Lokeren won 3-2 on aggregate), Cologne (W Germany) 4 Stuttgart (W Germany) 1 (Cologne won 6-5 on aggregate), St Etienne (France) 1 Hamburg (W Germany) 0 (St Etienne won 1-0 on aggregate)

Friday, Dec. 12

Division Four

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez 41, Wellings, pen 74)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Mountford 14)
Att 1,901
Rochdale: Crawford 6, ★WEIR 8, Snookes 7, Esser 7, Burke 7, Higgins 7, Wann 6, O'Laughlin 6, Hilditch 6, Wellings 7, Martinez 7
Stockport: Lawson 6, Rutter 6, ★SHERLOCK 7, Fowler 6, Sword 6, Bradd 6, Booth 6, Sunley 6



Coventry's Mark Hateley scores his club's second goal against Watford in their League Cup quarter-final replay at Highfield Road. The Sky Blues went on to win 5-0 and earn a semi-final dual with FA Cup holders West Ham, while in the other two leg decider Liverpool take on Manchester City

Mountford 6, Thorpe 6, Coyle 6
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Pountney 40, Gray 47, Campbell, og 62)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell 33)
Att 4,761
Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 7, Yates 7 (sub Polycarpou 6), Hadley 7, Walker 7, Cusack 7, Gray 7
★POUNTNEY 8, Spence 7, Mercer 7, Otulakowski 7
Bradford: ★SMITH 8, Thompson 7, Walker 6, Ingham 5, Jackson 5, Wood 5 (sub McNiven 5), Chapman 5, Stanforth 5, Campbell 7, Dolan 6
Black 6
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Saturday, Dec. 13

Division One

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Geddis 64, 83, Shaw 77)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Att 41,101
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6, Williams 6, Evans 7, McNaught 8, Mortimer 8, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, ★GEDDIS 9, Cowans 6, Morley 8
Birmingham: Wealds 7, Langan 6, Hawker 6, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 6, ★TODD 8, Ainscow 5, Bertschin 6, Worthington 7, Gemmill 7, Dillon 5
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

COVENTRY (1) 3 (Blair 4, Daly, pen 66, Hunt 80)
WBA (0) 0
Att 16,027
Coventry: Sealey 7, ★THOMAS 9, Roberts 7, Blair 8, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Bodak 6, Daly 6, Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 8
WBA: Godden 6, Batson 7, Cowdrill

7, Moses 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7
★ROBSON 8, Brown 6, Regis 6
Owen 7, Barnes 6 (sub Deehan)
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Robertson (WBA)

CRYSTAL PALACE (3) 4 (Allen 19, 42, Murphy 20, Francis 71)
NORWICH (1) 1 (Royle 24)
Att 15,257
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 7, Boyle 7, Nicholas 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 8 (sub Walsh), Francis 8, Allen 7, Sealy 7
★HILAIRE 9
Norwich: ★BAKER 7, Bond 6, Downs 6, Muzinic 5, Powell 6, Nightingale 6, Barham 5, Fashanu 6, Royle 6, Paddon 6, Goble 5
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

EVERTON (2) 4 (Eastoe 8, McMahon 20, Wright 68, Varadi 82)
BRIGHTON (2) 3 (O'Sullivan 11, Ritchie 20, Robinson 74)
Att 19,141
Everton: McDonagh 6, Wright 7, Bailey 7, Stanley 7, Higgins 7, O'Keefe 6 (sub Lyons 7), ★McMAHON 8, Eastoe 6, Varadi 7, Hartford 6, McBride 7
Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 7, Stevens 7, Horton 7, Foster 7, Lawrenson 6, McNab 6, ★RITCHIE 9, Robinson 8, Smith 7, O'Sullivan 8
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil 24)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Lee 61)
Att 32,274
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 7, McCall 7, ★THIJSEN 8, Osman 7, Butcher 6, Wark 6, Muhren 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, Gates 6
Liverpool: Clemence 6, Neal 7, Kennedy 6, A. 7, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R. 7,

Hansen 7, Rush 6, ★LEE 8, Johnson 6 (sub Case 6), McDermott 7, Souness 7
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEEDS (0) 1 (Greenhoff 65)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
Att 21,882
Leeds: Lukic 7, Greenhoff 7
★GRAY, E. 9, Flynn 7, Hart 7, Cherry 8, Harris 6, Hird 6, Connor 6 (sub Parlani 6), Sabella 7, Graham 7
Notm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gray, F. 7, McGovern 7, Lloyd 7, Gunn 6, Mills 7 (sub Ponte 6), ★O'NEILL 8, Ward 6, Wallace 6, Walsh 6
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEICESTER (1) 1 (McDonald 8)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att 13,998
Leicester: Wallington 7, ★WILLIAMS 8, Gibson 7, Peake 7, Scott 7, O'Neill 7, Hamill 6 (sub Goodwin 6), Melrose 6, Lineker 6, Wilson 7, McDonald 7
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 7, Bailey 6, Johnston 6, Ashcroft 7, Nattress 6, Cochrane 7, Proctor 7, Hodgson 7, Shearer 6
★ARMSTRONG 8
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gr. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (McLaren 29, Jordan 69)
STOKE (2) 2 (Randall 8, Chapman 21)
Att 39,568
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 7, Albiston 6, McIlroy 6, Jovanovic 6, Moran 6, Coppell 7, Duxbury 7, Jordan 7, ★MACARI 8, Thomas 7
Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 6, Hampton 6, Dodd 7, O'Callaghan 6, Doyle 6, Randall 7, ★HEATH 8, Chapman 7, Bracewell 6, Munro 6

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SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Hawley 23)

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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6, Phillips 7, Mahoney 7, James, R 7.
★JAMES, L 8, Charles 7, Robinson 7
Newcastle: Carr 6, Carney 5, Johnson 5, Martin 6, Boam 5 Mitchell 6, Shinton 6, Wharton 8, Cartwright 6, ★SHOULDER 7, Koenen 5 (sub Nicholson 6)
Referee: L F Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Att 5,049
Wrexham: Davies 7, Jones 6, ★KENWORTHY 9, Davis 8, Cegielski 7, Carrodus 6 (sub Winter 6), Fox 6, Sutton 7, Edwards 6, McNeil 7, Cartwright 6
Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 7, Murray 7, Smith 6, Fallon 8, Finney 7, O'Neill 8, ★SPRIGGS 9, Reilly 6, Taylor 6, Christie 6
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Gwyther 2)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Cottam 44)
Att 4,169
Newport: Plumley 6, Warden 6 (sub Vaughan 6), Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 7, Tynan 6, Elsey 7, Lowndes 7, ★GWYTHYR 8, Aldridge 7, Moore 6, Chester Millington 7, Jeffries 7, Walker 7, Storton 7, ★COTTAM 8, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 7, Phillips 7, Fear 6, Ludlam 6, Howart 7
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

CREWE (1) 1 (Prophett 41)
WIGAN (0) 2 (Quinn, A 81, Houghton 83)
Att 2,829
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 6, Bowers 6, Hunter 7, Scott 6, Prophett 6, Davies 5, Coyne 5, ★CONROY 8, Glenn 6 (sub Wilkinson 4), Ne son 5, Wigan Ward 6, Fretwell 5, McAdam 6, Urquhart 6, G. 7, Methven 7, Cribley 6, McMillan 6, Urquhart, W 5 (sub Quinn, A), ★HOUGHTON 9, Hutchinson 6, Corrigan 7
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup — Second Round

BARNET (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson 21)
Att 4,498
Barnet: Steel 7, Foody 7, Pearce 7, Millett 6, Robinson 7, Hardman 5 (sub Barnes 6), ★BRINKMAN 9, Roberts 5, Sargent 6, Turner 7, Clayton 6
Peterborough: Waugh 7, McVay 7, Phillips 6, Gynn 7, ★SLACK 8, Slough 7, Quow 7, Kellock 7, Cooke 6, Hodgson 7, Robson 7
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Potts 61)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Miller 48)
Att 4,497
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Holt 5, Scott 5, Overson 6, Dobson 6, Young 7, ★POTTS 8, Hamilton 6, Wardrobe 6, Cavener 6
Port Vale: Cherry 6, Brissett 6, Bromage 6, Beech 7, Bowles 7, Sproson 7, Farrell 6, Bennett 6, Chamberlain, N 8, ★CHAMBERLAIN, M 9, Miller 6 (sub Elsbey)
Referee: D. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (1) 2 (Hilton 41, Mullen 72)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att 3,375

Bury: Southall 7, Howard 7, ★HILTON 8, Whitehead 7, Kennedy 7, Mullen 6, Gore 6, Jakub 6, Butler 6, Johnson 7, Farley 6
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Thompson, T 7, ★CARR 8, Peake 7, Keeley 6, Neale 5, Thompson, S 6, Turner 5 (sub Cunningham 5), Shipley 5, Hobson 5, Harford 5
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Brown 30 secs, Beardsley 46, 76)
WALSALL (0) 0
Att 4,778
Carlisle: Harrison 7, Haigh 7, Coady 7, MacDonald 6, Campbell 7, Parker 6, Coughlin 7, Metcalfe 6, Brown 7, ★BEARDSLEY 8, McVitie 7, Walsall Green 6, ★MACKEN 8, Mower 6, Serella 5, Barnes 7, Hart 7, Waddington 7, Penn 6, Caswell 7, Buckley 6, Paul 7 (sub Rees 6)
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Wash 80, Hales 85)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Webb 50)
Att 7,226
Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 6, Madden 6, Shaw 6, Berry 6, Tydeman 7, ★POWELL 8, Walsh 7, Hales 7, Smith 6, Walker 7
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 6, Moore 7, Impey 6, Heffernan 7, ★WEBB 8, Spackman 7, Ferns 7, Morgan 7, Massey 6, Elliott 6
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall 86)
YEOVIL (1) 1 (Green 14)
Att 3,394
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Rowles 6, Leslie 6, ★WIGNALL 8, Packer 6, Hodge 6, Gough 6, Bremner 5, Lee 6, Allinson 6
Yeovil: Parker 6, Ryan 6, Ritchie 6, ★BORTHWICK 9, Payne 8, Broom 7, Morrall 6, Bell 6, Green 7, Durbin 6, Brown 7
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Little 60, Mell 87)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Williams 35)
Att 6,398
Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 8, Mell 8, Snodin, I 7, Lister 6, Dowd 9, Pugh 7, Nimmo 6, Werboys 9, Snodin, E 8, ★LITTLE 10
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Ashurst 6, Williams 7, Ball 6, ★THOMPSON 8, McEwan 7, Harrison 6, Hockaday 6, Entwistle 7, Morris 6, Pashley 6
Referee: M. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

ENFIELD (1) 2 (Burton 21, 87)
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att 2,263
Enfield: Jacobs 7, Barrett 8, Tone 7, Jennings 6, Waite 6, Howell 7, Oliver 6, Holmes 6, ★BURTON 9, Ashford 6, King 7
Hereford: Brand 5, Price 6, Thomas 5 (sub Dobson 5), Hicks 5, Cornes 5, Sprring 6, Hunt 6, Harvey 5, White 5, Jones 6, ★BARTLEY 7
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 1 (Greenaway 17)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
Att 11,261
Fulham: Peyton 7, Strong 7, Lock 7, Gale 7, Banton 7, Hatter 7, Davies 6, O'Driscoll 7 (sub Day), Peters 6, ★GREENAWAY 8, Goodlass 7
Brentford: McKellar 7, Shrubbs 6, Tucker 7, Salaman 7, Kruse 6, Hurlock 6, Smith 7, ★HARRIS 8, Booker 6 (sub Funnell 6), Walker 7, Crown 6

Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
MAIDSTONE (0) 0
Att 9,099
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Ford 7, Overton 7, Weatherly 6, Crabbe 6, ★NICHOLL 8, Bottiglieri 6 (sub Hughes 6), Price 6, Westwood 7, White 7
Maidstone: Guy 7, Thompson 7, Kinnear 7, Hill 7, ★HUTTON 8, Hamburger 7, Daubney 7, Ovard 6, Woon 6 (sub Shield), Aitken 7, Newson 6
Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (1) 1 (Edwards 8)
BLYTH SPARTANS (0) 1 (Mutrie 80)
Att 6,050
Hull: Norman 5, Nisbet 7, McNeil 6, Croft 7, Roberts, G 7, Richards 5, Marwood 6, McClaren 6, ★EDWARDS 9, Norrie 6, Deacy 6, Blyth Clarke 7, Grierson 6, Walker, A 5, Boylan 6 (sub Roff), Mitchinson 6, ★DIXON 8, Walker, P 6, Johnson 5, Hogan 6, Mutrie 7, Barker 6
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (0) 0
EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers, P 70)
Att 3,426
Millwall: Jackson 7, Roberts 6, Robinson 7, Chatterton 7, Kitchener 7, Blyth 7, Kinsella 6, ★MEHMET 8, McKenna 6, Dibble 7, Massey 7
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 7, ★HATCH 8, Forbes 7, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, T 6, Pearson 7, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 7, Delve 7, Pullar 7
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

MOSSLEY (0) 1 (Skeete 55)
MANSFIELD (2) 3 (Allen, pen 10, Thomson 25, Caldwell 78)
Att 3,680
Mossley: Fitton 7, Brown 5, Mobley 6, Gorman 6, ★VAUGHAN 8, Salter 5, Tinsley 5, Keelan 5 (sub Gibson 6), Skeete 7, O'Connor 7, Garmory 6
Mansfield: Arnold 7, McJannett 7, Foster 6, Hamilton 7, McClelland 7, Bird 6, Allen 6, Mann 7, Caldwell 7, ★PHILLIPS 8, Thomson 7
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 3 (Sims 47, Kemp 69, Murphy, pen 82)
OXFORD (0) 0
Att 7,264
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, McNeill 5, Harrison 6, Hodge 6, Philipson-Masters 6, Foster 7, Cooper 7, Kemp 5, ★SIMS 8, Bason 5, Murphy 5
Oxford: Burton 7, ★BRIGGS 8, Smithers 5, Jeffery 7, Wright 6, Shotton 7, Brock 5, Cassells 5, Cooke 6, Graydon 7, Lythgoe 7
Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
BARNSLY (1) 1 (Parker 12)
Att 15,426
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Breckin 7, Rhodes 8, ★STANCLIFFE 9, Mullen 6, Fern 6, Gooding 5, Moore 5, Seaman 6, Henson 7
Barnsley: Pierce 6, Joyce 8, Chambers 7, Cooper 8, Banks 6, ★McCARTHY 9, Evans 7, Parker 6, Aylott 7, Lester 6, Downes 6
Referee: J. Worral (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

ST ALBANS (0) 1 (Mayles 52)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Fell 37)
Att 4,500
St Albans: Plumley 7, Whitehead 6,

Levy 6, Droy 7, Leonard 7, Silley 7, ★COOPER, G 8, Dear 7, Mayles 7, O Donoghue 6, Lawrence 7
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Jones 7, Pethard 6, ★COFFILL 8, Bourne 7, Riach 7 (sub Wilson 6), Fell 7, Bowker 7, Cooper, S 7, Twitchin 7, Weston 6
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Bourne (Torquay)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
Att 3,672
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Davy 6, Jarvis 6, Grimes 7, Boxall 7, ★OATES 8, Partridge 7, Cammack 6, Stewart 6, Green 7, O'Berg 6 (sub Pugh 6)
Altrincham: Connaughton 7, Allan 6, Davison 6, Bailey 7, Owens 7, ★KING 8, Barrow 6, Whitbread 6, Johnson 6, Rogers 6, Howard 7
Referee: G. J. Naphine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Hutton 49)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch, pen 88)
Att 18,101

Prizewinners

THE ANSWERS to the Subbuteo 'Line-up' competition which appeared in our November 29 issue were: 1. Burnley 2. George, 3. Barry 4. Easter 5. Didsbury 6. O'Leary 7. Cosmos 8. Pompey 9. Park 10. Roker 11. Honest 12. Garth 13. The Owls 14. Ewood 15. Saints Club - Northampton Town.

The following correct entries each win a Subbuteo Astropitch: Christopher Green, Holyport, Berks, Chris Cowen, East Herringham, Sunderland; Martin Bristol, Brindlington, North Humberdale; Jason Walker, Stanground, Peterborough; Billy Scanlan, Thamesmead, London.

WINNERS of the 'Watch It' competition in our December 6 issue were: Geoffrey Ricketts, Stratford, Manchester 32 (Man U), Christopher Walters, Raby, Liverpool (Everton); Marcus Haap, Hindley, Wigan (Stockport County); Jonathan Jackson, Headless Cross, Riddick, Warrs (Arsenal); Andrew Brock, Exeter, Davies (Liverpool); P. Hasler, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset (Southampton); Graham Lamb, Whitefield, Manchester (West Ham); Karen Langford, Long Hanborough, Dorset (Chelsea); Paul Comben, Mauldea, Beds (Aston Villa); W. Stinson, Crowland, Peterborough (Milton Forest); Robin James, Penarth, S. Glam (Ipswich Town); Ian Haslam, Oldland Common, Bristol (Wolves).
Shaun Crosby, West Malling, Kent (Gillingham); Clifford Glendinning, Mersesdale, Carlisle (Carlisle Utd); Ian Smith, Milton Mowbray, Leics (Spurs); David Bloxham, Wightwick, Walsingham (Barnsley); Darran Murphy, Bryn, Mr Wigan, Leics (Wigan); Stephen Tanner, Glasgow (Celtic); Julie Hewing, Kingstington, Newton Abbot, S. Devon (Leeds); Roy Gordon, Northampton (Derby).
The names behind the clock faces were: a) Andy Peake (Leicester); b) Lawrence McMenamy (Southampton); c) Martin O'Neill; d) Tony Woodcock.

★ ★ ★

THE TEN WINNERS of the December 6 competition, who each receive £20 to spend at a club shop of their choice are:
Chris Cowen, East Herringham, Sunderland (Sunderland); Neil Russell, Huddersfield, Glas (West Ham); Tim Feanell, Carlisle, Gt. Yarmouth (Leeds); Terry Basle, Pann, High Wycombe, Bucks (QPR); Paul Desmond, Macclesfield, S. Yorks (Barnsley); David Leigh, Chesham, Surrey (Liverpool); Andrew Smadley, Haxby, Doncaster (Ipswich); Philip Watkins, Halesowen, W. Midlands (Aston Villa); Mark French, Yeovil, Somerset (Spurs); Mark Vaughan, West End, Southampton (Southampton).

SEVENTEEN-year old Mark Straker of Letchworth, Herts, wins a Crystal Palace team strip for his winning entry in the Match Club caption contest in our December 6 issue, which featured a puzzled-looking Forest's Swiss international Ramondo Panto pictured with referee George Courtney. Mark's caption: 'Mr Clough tells me to play the ball, this ref tells me to play to the whistle - and I thought Soko had problems!'

Match FACTS

ALL THE LATEST MATCH DETAILS

Match FACTS

Sheff Utd. Richardson 7, Ryan 7, Garner 6, Houston 7, McPhail 7, Trusson 7, Jones 6, Neville 6, Tibbott 7, ★**HATTON 8**, Butlin 7
Chesterfield Turner 7, Tarr 7, Poilard 6 (sub Simpson 6), Wilson 6, Green 7, Ridley 6, Birch 7, Moss 7, Bonnyman 7, Salmons 7, ★**CRAWFORD 8**
Referee: B Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Stanton 45, Robins 75, 88)
Att 6,763
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Edwards 5, Mathias 5, Williams 6, Parry 6, ★**HAMILTON 7**, Craven 5, Mungall 6, Lumby 5, Kerr 5, Griffiths 6
Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 7, Robinson 6, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Stanton 7, Lillis 6, Kennedy 6 (sub Laverick), Kinson 7, ★**ROBINS 8**, Cowling 7
Referee: M P Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Denny 3, Leslie 19)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att 3,470
Wimbledon: ★**BEASANT 8**, Brown 6, Jones 6, Galliers 7, Smith 7, Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 6 (sub Hubback 7), Hodges 7, Leslie 7, Cork 6, Denny 7
Swindon: Allan 7, Walsh 6 (sub Hughes 7), Peach 7, Kamara 7, Lewis 6, Stroud 7, ★**MILLER 8**, Carter 6, Greenwood 7, Mayes 7, Williams 7
Referee: B Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (McGhee 67, McCall 80)
RANGERS (0) 0
Att 20,000
Aberdeen: ★**LEIGHTON 9**, Kennedy 8, Considine 7, Watson 6, McLeish 8, Miller 8, Strachan 7, McCall 7, McGhee 8, Angus 6, Scanlon 6
Rangers: McCloy 8, Miller 7, ★**DAWSON 9**, Johnstone 7, Jackson 8, Redford 6 (sub Cooper), McLean 6 (sub McKay), Russell 8, McAdam 6, MacDonald 6, Johnston 6
Referee: D F Downie (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

CELTIC (2) 3 (MacDonald 29, McGarvey 35, McCluskey, pen 46)
HEARTS (1) 2 (MacDonald 6, Gibson 56)
Att 13,800
Celtic: Bonnar 7, Sneddon 6, Reid 7, Aitken 7, ★**MacDONALD 8**, McAdam 7, Provan 6, Weir 7, McGarvey 7, Burns 7, McCluskey 7
Hearts: Brough 6, More 7, Shields 6, Denny 7, McVie 6, Robinson 6, Gibson 7, ★**MacDONALD 9**, Conn 7, Hamill 6, MacDonald 6 (sub O'Connor 7)
Referee: R Cuthill (Winchburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds 68)
AIRDRIE (0) 0
Att 4,770

Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 7, Kopel 6, Phillips 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Payne 6, Bannan 7, ★**STURROCK 8**, Pettigrew 6, Dodds 7
Airdrie ★**MARTIN 8**, Cairney 7, Roger 6, March 6, McCluskey 7, McKeown 6, Walker 6 (sub McCulloch), Gordon 7, Clark 6, Anderson 6, Russell 6 (sub Thompson 6)
Referee: W Anderson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★

MATCH WEEKLY

KILMARNOCK (2) 3 (Armstrong 16, Bourke 19, Hughes 70)
MORTON (1) 3 (Thomson 12, 81, Busby 67)
Att 2,400
Kilmarnock: Wilson 6, Johnson 6, Cockburn 6, Davis 7, McDicken 7, Hughes 7, Grammond 7, ★**MAUCHLEN 8**, Bourke 7, Street 6, Houston 7
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 6, McLaughlin 6, Orr 7, McCormack 7, Hunter 6, Tolmie 7, ★**BUSBY 8**, Thomson 7, Ritchie 7
Referee: B McGinlay (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Bone 52)
PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0
Att 5,626
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Young 7 (sub Speirs), Beckett 6, McCormack 6, Fulton 7, Copland 7, ★**BONE 8**, Stark 7, Sommer 7, Richardson 6, Weir 7
Partick: Rough 7, Doyle 6, Whittaker 7, Welsh 6, Campbell 6, ★**WATSON 8**, Park 7, Jardine 6, O'Hara 7, Clark 7, Lapsley 6 (sub McDonald)
Referee: S Johnston (Falkirk)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (0) 0
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att 1,875

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Given 3, Sweeney 82)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 3 (McNaughton 23, pen 61, Leonard 52)
Att 420

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
DUNDEE (0) 2 (Murphy 58, Geddes 66)
Att 1,026

HAMILTON (0) 0
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Mackin 50)
Att 1,200

HIBERNIAN (0) 4 (Rae 51, 77, Callaghan, pen 66, pen 80)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
Att 4,500

RAITH (2) 3 (Harris 13, Ballantyne 36, 57)
BERWICK (0) 0
Att 1,700

STIRLING (0) 2 (Armstrong 67, Steele 69)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
Att 1,000

Second Division

ARBROATH (1) 2 (Harley 23, McDowell 74)
ALBION ROVERS (1) 2 (Campbell 35, Ross 59)
Att 487

FORFAR (3) 3 (Mitchell 5, 32, Brash 22)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 4 (Gordon 25, Robertson, J 52, Robertson, G 87, Learmont 89)
Att 560

Scottish FA Cup First Round

ALLOA (0) 1
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1

BRECHIN (0) 2
KEITH (1) 1

EAST FIFE (1) 2
CIVIL SERVICE (1) 1

MEADOWBANK (1) 2
BUCKIE THISTLE (0) 2

QUEEN'S PARK (2) 2
MONTROSE (0) 2

WHITEHILL (0) 1
HAWICK R A (0) 1

Leading scorers

(Including League, League Cup and FA Cup)

FIRST DIVISION

15 - Shaw (Aston Villa),
Fashanu (Norwich)
14 - Archibald (Spurs)
13 - Dalglish (Liverpool)
12 - Eastoe (Everton)
11 - Worthington (Birmingham),
Robinson (Brighton), Wark (Ipswich), Crooks (Spurs)

SECOND DIVISION

16 - Cross (West Ham)
14 - Lee (Chelsea)

THIRD DIVISION

19 - Kellow (Exeter), Kemp (Plymouth)
17 - Hales (Charlton)

FOURTH DIVISION

17 - Phillips (Northampton), Lumby (Tranmere)

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	22	1	2	1	22	8	5	3	3	17	14	31
Liverpool	22	1	0	2	17	8	7	7	2	18	18	26
Leeds	19	5	4	0	13	4	4	4	1	18	18	28
Manchester Utd	22	3	5	8	10	9	3	6	2	12	9	28
Everton	22	8	5	6	22	11	4	1	6	18	17	34
Arsenal	22	7	4	0	16	8	3	4	6	13	18	28
W.B.A.	22	6	3	2	17	7	3	6	2	11	18	28
Woolingham	22	8	0	3	24	13	1	0	4	6	18	24
Tottenham	21	4	1	1	11	12	2	3	6	18	21	22
Southampton	22	7	2	2	26	15	1	4	8	11	18	22
Sheff City	22	4	5	2	17	12	3	4	4	9	18	22
Sheff Utd	21	8	4	2	16	10	2	3	8	11	17	21
Middlesbrough	21	6	4	1	21	9	2	0	8	8	22	22
Wolves	22	7	1	2	14	9	0	8	8	8	18	26
Coventry	22	8	2	1	16	15	2	1	8	7	18	26
Leeds United	22	5	3	0	17	12	2	7	12	22	25	25
Sunderland	22	8	2	2	17	13	2	3	8	12	18	26
Manchester City	22	4	2	4	18	15	3	3	6	14	21	18
Norwich	22	4	3	2	19	13	2	0	9	8	28	17
Birmingham	21	1	1	1	16	1	3	7	15	25	14	14
Leeds City	22	4	2	5	11	11	2	8	9	7	25	14
Crystal Palace	22	6	1	5	23	10	8	1	10	4	25	12

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	22	10	0	1	27	7	3	6	2	9	8	32
Chelsea	22	6	4	2	19	8	5	3	2	19	13	29
Notts County	22	6	4	1	18	8	4	4	3	9	13	28
Exeter	21	2	3	2	16	8	6	5	2	11	9	25
Sheff Wed	22	10	1	0	23	8	1	3	7	3	23	30
Derby County	22	4	5	2	17	15	4	4	3	14	13	25
Orient	22	6	3	1	25	8	3	2	5	13	17	24
Blackburn	21	7	3	1	17	5	5	2	5	12	16	26
Cambridge Utd	22	6	0	3	18	10	3	2	8	10	20	24
Luton Town	22	5	4	2	20	14	3	3	6	13	14	23
Grimsby	22	5	3	1	9	9	1	5	5	10	17	22
Spize	22	8	3	2	25	12	1	3	7	11	21	29
Wrexham	22	3	4	4	11	16	4	2	9	8	8	20
Newcastle	21	5	3	2	16	7	2	3	8	7	24	28
Sheff Wed	22	4	4	2	19	11	0	8	2	12	18	28
Cardiff	21	6	2	3	14	10	2	7	9	18	18	18
Q.P.R.	21	5	3	2	17	8	1	3	7	10	16	18
Watford	21	7	2	2	17	10	2	8	9	18	18	18
Oldham	22	4	6	8	8	4	1	3	7	7	16	18
Preston	22	4	4	3	14	14	1	4	6	7	20	18
Bristol City	22	4	5	2	13	8	0	2	9	6	25	15
Bristol Rovers	22	1	6	4	11	15	8	3	9	8	24	11

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	23	18	0	1	23	6	8	3	3	18	11	35
Barnsley	24	7	3	2	21	8	5	3	2	18	13	32
Chesham	23	8	1	1	22	8	4	3	5	17	13	30
Bury	24	7	3	2	24	9	4	3	2	12	18	30
Huddersfield	24	3	3	1	18	4	5	4	5	15	15	29
Rotherham	24	3	4	0	21	4	2	5	5	10	16	29
Portsmouth	22	9	0	3	25	12	2	6	5	11	10	28
Plymouth	24	7	2	3	22	13	2	7	3	11	11	27
Sheff Utd	24	8	3	1	22	7	2	2	8	19	23	25
Exeter	23	5	3	3	18	16	5	2	5	18	16	25
Charter	22	9	0	3	19	8	2	4	5	12	24	24
Reading	22	8	1	2	22	10	2	2	7	18	31	23
Brentford	24	4	6	1	13	16	6	2	4	15	15	22
Walsall	24	4	5	3	20	25	3	3	6	8	14	22
Colchester	24	6	0	2	20	9	1	3	9	5	24	32
Newport County	23	5	3	4	16	13	3	2	4	15	18	21
Blackpool	22	2	5	4	12	17	4	3	5	14	20	20
Fulham	24	2	6	4	15	3	3	6	18	20	19	19
Gillingham	24	4	5	3	13	12	1	7	11	24	18	18
Oxford Utd	24	1	4	7	8	17	4	3	5	10	13	17
Carlisle	22	3	4	4	17	21	2	3	7	12	24	17
M. Thel	22	8	4	2	17	11	0	1	9	5	28	16
Swindon	22	4	2	4	15	19	1	4	8	18	16	16
Hull City	24	4	2	5	12	12	0	4	9	7	28	15

FA Cup Draw

TITLE contenders Ipswich and Aston Villa must face each other in the third round of the FA Cup.

Their meeting at Portman Road on January 3 is the pick of seven all-First Division ties.

But while that match may provide the best football, the game that's sure to provide the most publicity is the clash between Manchester City and Crystal Palace.

That tie of course sees the return to Maine Road of former City boss Malcolm Allison — now manager down at Selhurst Park.

Meanwhile non-League Altrincham entered their replay with Scunthorpe in the knowledge that victory would give them a chance of a lifetime tie against Cup favourites Liverpool at Anfield.

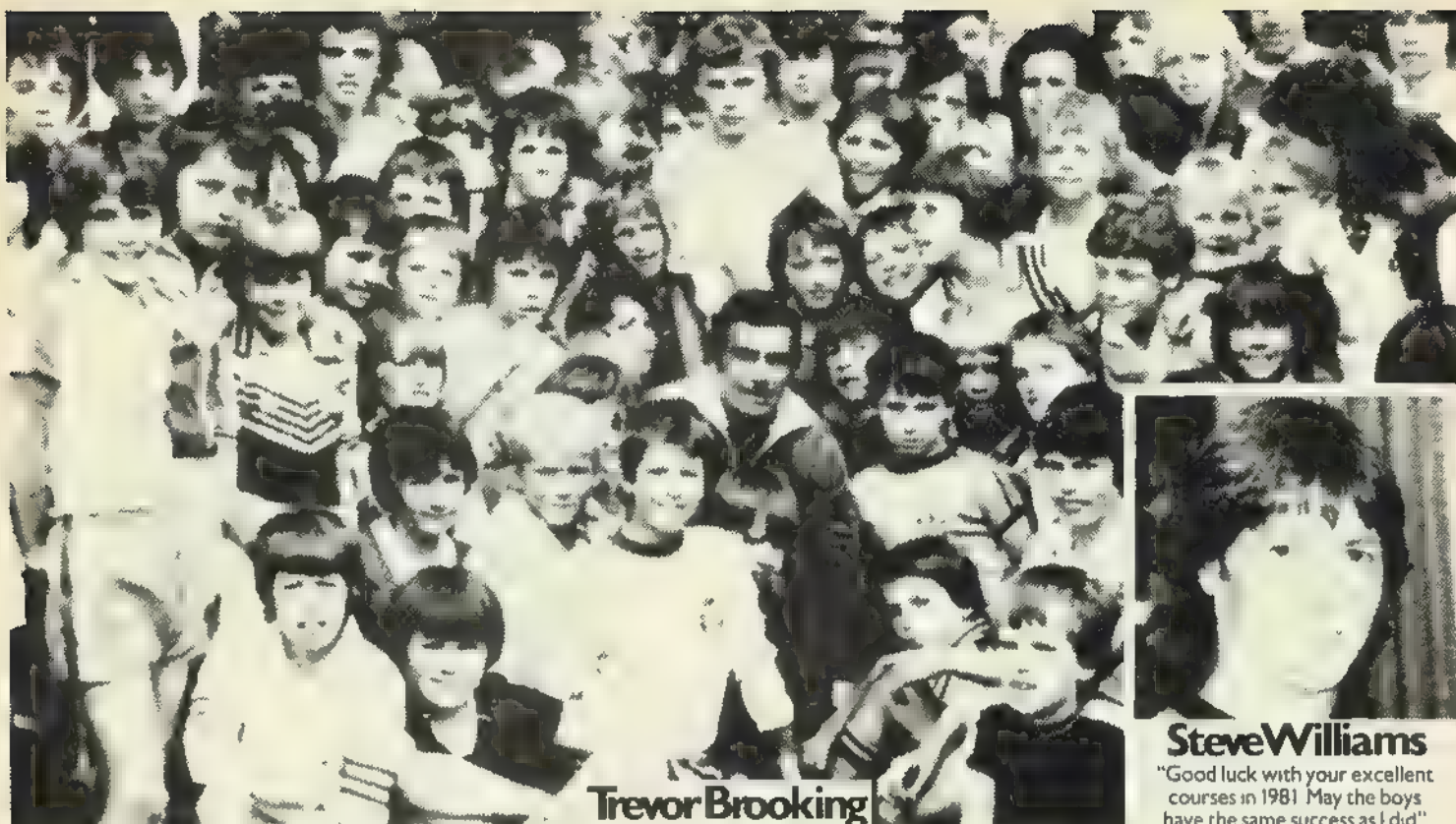
Yeovil or Colchester will take on Watford in a match that will decide which of the three — all renowned for pulling off cup shocks — is the tops when it comes to giantkilling.

Little Enfield, who knocked out League side Hereford in the second round, had little luck in the draw... they will be away to Burnley or Port Vale.

But holders West Ham begin their defence of the trophy with a home game against fellow Second Division side Wrexham.

Here is the full third round draw (ties to be played on January 3):

West Ham v Wrexham
Leeds v Coventry
Plymouth v Charlton
Barnsley v St Albans or Torquay
Bury v Fulham
Hull or Blyth Spartans v Doncaster
Colchester or Yeovil v Watford
West Brom v Grimsby
Everton v Arsenal
Derby v Bristol City
Liverpool v Scunthorpe or Altrincham
Mansfield v Carlisle
Burnley or Port Vale v Enfield
Wimbledon v Oldham
Preston v Bristol Rovers
Gillingham or Maidstone v Exeter
Leicester v Cardiff
Southampton v Chelsea
Manchester United v Brighton
Notts County v Blackburn
Norwich v Cambridge
Orient v Luton
Ipswich v Aston Villa
Manchester City v Crystal Palace
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CAREER: Nottingham Forest.
LEAGUE DEBUT: November 1971
v West Bromwich Albion.
LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 286.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Full
caps for Northern Ireland.

Right: Martin O'Neill in typically determined mood.
Below: Ian Wallace, who rates Martin as "an all-round versatile midfielder."



He knows what a striker likes, says Ian Wallace

MARTIN'S main strength is that he can hold onto the ball until the time is right to put a good telling cross into the penalty area.

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He likes playing one-two and is often the man who starts a move deep from defence.

Because he moves around the field so much he is both an extra attacker when we are going forward and an extra defender when Forest are under pressure.

Tired of Trevor

You're off! £5

BROOKING . . . and Brooking again! I am sick of hearing his name.

After West Ham's recent Second Division match against Luton all the soccer reporters could write about was Brooking.

Why do newspapers and magazines (You included!) seem to think that everything at Upton Park revolves around Trevor Brooking.

Incidentally, I thought Brian Stein's goal in that match (which Luton won 3-2!) was equal to Trevor's efforts.

C. Francis, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

You must be Christmas crackers! Trevor is one of our few gifted players and deserves all the credit heaped on him. You're just jealous because you're team has no-one to match him. The red card for you.

OUTRAGED!

I'm Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the Outraged column.

I'll stand no nonsense . . . any back chat and you could get sent off!

I'll be giving the red card to what I judge to be the letter of the week. And yellow cards to any others published.

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GOLDEN GOOF?

I WOULD like to put Match Weekly's recent Golden Goal feature as a contender for Goof of the Week.

On the diagram of Gary Chivers' goal for Chelsea against Newcastle you put Peter Withe's name against one of the players. Mark Chaplain, Arnold, Notts.

YOU'RE the goof Mark! The player is Chris Withe — Peter's brother. If you read your Match Weekly of November 8 you would have seen a story about Chris in Match Chat. I'm afraid I'm going to have to book you.

You're in the book! £2

What a cheek

I AM SICK of seeing silly letters from soccerhogs, criticising Europe's number one team, Liverpool, 'Outraged'!

They've got a cheek to say that they are the worst offenders when it comes to boring football away from home.

They have obviously never seen Liverpool. They proved how attack minded they are by scoring the most away goals in the First Division last season.

I have yet to see a letter praising Liverpool. I think I'd die of shock if I saw this letter published. Susan Cook, Walton, Liverpool.

YOU'RE dead and booked! Can't you just enjoy Liverpool's success and rise above the petty complaints from the jealous onlookers?



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NOW TAKE A SECOND LOOK, RON!

HOW can Ron Greenwood keep overlooking the Second Division when it comes to picking England teams?

QPR, Blackburn, Luton and Chelsea all have class players like Glenn Roeder, Duncan McKenzie, David Moss and Mick Fillyery.

All have world class ability and should be given the chance to show it.

My England team would be:
Clemence (Liverpool), Sansom (Arsenal), Neal (Liverpool), Bumstead, Fillyery (both Chelsea), Keegan (Southampton), Driver (Chelsea), McDermott (Liverpool), Mariner (Ipswich), Brooking (West Ham), Walker (Chelsea).
Jeremy Elson, Guildford, Surrey.

You must have had too much sherry trifle! Four Chelsea players in the England team — you must be joking. If they are that good Chelsea would be in the First Division. You're booked for talking such rubbish.

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Don't be sour, Sexton!



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I WAS amazed to hear Manchester United manager Dave Sexton's ridiculous remarks after their match against Southampton.

He accused the Saints of being boring, playing negative football and coming to Old Trafford for a point. He must have watched them through red and white glasses! Southampton were all over United and had most of the play.

He should take his anger out on his own players for their uninspiring play; not Southampton, who were always pushing forward looking for goals.

Sexton's remarks were just sour grapes for another boring home performance from Manchester United. Jackie Summers, Peacehaven, Sussex.

TERRACE TALK



Withe worshipped

I WAS disgusted by the way Brian Clough talked about Peter Withe's stay at Newcastle in his recent Match Weekly column.

He talked as if Peter had a terrible time at St James' Park — but that's just not true.

Peter was worshipped by the fans and when he left Newcastle I think he was a better player than when he arrived from Nottingham Forest. P. Myers, Gateshead, Newcastle, Tyne and Wear.

Above, right: PETER WITHE is a better player for his time at Newcastle United, says P. Myers of Gateshead.

JORDAN BOOSTER

IT'S GOOD to see Manchester United's Joe Jordan finding his goal touch again.

His goals against Middlesbrough, Brighton (2), and Southampton were just the boost he needed after his lay-off through injury.

I hope it will give United the encouragement they need to push themselves into a more realistic title chasing position. Kevin Prince, Middleton, Manchester.

Emlyn's still great ... he's still tops

I AM ANGRY with John McCartney (Match Nov 29) who said that Wolves skipper Emlyn Hughes should retire.

He said that Emlyn can't win the ball anymore and has lost all his skill — what rubbish!

He was inspirational in Wolves 4-1 win over his former club Liverpool and capped a fine performance with a goal.

Don't lose faith in Emlyn — he's still the greatest! Lynn Ronnie, Billingham, Cleveland.

EMLYN HUGHES is far from over the hill. He has given a lot of help and encouragement to the younger players in the Wolves team and his vast skill and ability were proved by his recent performance against Liverpool.

He can still survive in the top flight. From two devoted Emlyn fans, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton.

That's the spirit Mr England of Wales!

CONGRATULATIONS to Wales on their 1-0 win over one of Europe's toughest teams, Czechoslovakia.

After the match their manager Mike England was over the moon with his players — and quite rightly so!

It was lovely to see such an enthusiastic manager. With spirit like that it's no wonder the Welsh team are doing so well under his management. Graham Shackleton, Cleethorpes, South Humberside.

WALES manager Mike England — infectious enthusiasm.



An encouraging sign for Manchester United is the return to form of Joe Jordan, says Kevin Prince of Manchester.



FLASHBACK

Where was your favourite team on...

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1978

ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
Liverpool	20	9	1	0	28	2	5	2	3	18	7 31
Everton	19	7	2	0	15	4	6	0	13	8 30	
WBA	18	5	3	1	20	7	6	2	1	16	7 27
Arsenal	19	6	4	0	20	8	3	3	10	9 25	
Not'm F	18	4	5	0	10	5	4	4	1	10	6 25
Man Utd	19	5	3	1	13	8	4	3	3	16	20 24
Coventry	19	6	4	0	19	10	2	2	5	6	17 22
Tottenham	19	5	3	2	11	10	3	3	11	18 22	
Leeds	20	5	1	4	21	11	2	6	2	14	15 21
A Villa	19	2	5	2	10	10	5	2	3	14	7 21
Bristol C	20	5	2	3	15	12	3	4	8	10 21	
Stmptn	20	5	4	1	18	10	1	3	8	7 18 19	
Norwich	18	4	4	2	17	11	0	5	3	12 18 17	
Darby	20	6	2	2	19	14	1	1	8	7 25 17	
Man City	18	3	2	4	14	13	2	4	3	12 11 19	
Ipswich	20	4	0	6	12	13	3	2	5	11 15 16	
Midlsbro	19	4	2	3	16	9	2	1	7	12 18 15	
QPR	19	3	4	3	9	10	1	2	6	7 14 14	
Sheff Wed	20	4	3	3	16	13	1	1	9	9 27 14	
Wolves	19	3	1	5	8	16	1	0	9	6 22 9	
Birmingham	20	2	3	5	14	16	0	1	9	4 18 8	
Chelsea	19	1	1	7	10	22	1	3	6	11 21 9	

DIVISION II	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
G Palace	20	7	2	1	19	7	3	5	1	14	9 28
Sheff	20	6	3	1	20	8	4	3	3	8	11 26
W Ham	20	7	2	1	24	6	3	3	4	16	15 25
Brighton	20	8	0	2	22	7	2	3	5	11	17 23
Sunderland	20	6	2	2	18	10	3	3	4	12	15 23
Newcastle	20	7	2	1	13	5	2	3	5	8	14 23
Notts Co	20	5	4	1	11	7	3	3	4	15	24 22
Bury	19	7	1	1	21	11	1	5	4	11	17 22
Wrexham	19	5	4	1	16	7	2	3	4	8	12 21
Fulham	19	5	3	3	16	10	3	2	3	9	12 21
Charlton	20	3	4	3	15	11	4	2	4	18	20 20
Cambridge	20	2	6	2	12	11	3	2	4	10	13 19
Bristol R	19	8	1	1	26	15	0	2	7	3	21 19
Orient	20	5	2	3	15	9	2	2	6	7	15 18
Oldham	19	4	4	1	12	7	2	2	6	13	24 18
Luton	19	8	1	3	28	10	1	2	6	7	16 17
Preston	20	4	4	2	22	13	2	1	7	11	24 17
Leicester	19	2	3	4	8	11	2	5	3	7	9 18
Sheff Utd	19	4	1	4	15	12	1	3	6	9	18 14
Blackburn	19	1	6	2	13	12	2	1	7	8	22 13
Millwall	20	3	2	5	12	17	1	2	7	6	17 12
Cardiff	19	3	3	3	13	15	1	1	8	10	27 12

DIVISION III	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
Watford	20	7	1	2	21	9	6	1	3	20	14 28
Swansea	20	8	2	0	28	14	4	2	4	12	12 28
Shrewsbury	20	4	6	0	12	6	5	3	2	12	8 27
Swindon	19	9	0	1	17	4	2	2	5	8	14 24
Gillingham	20	5	4	1	16	9	1	7	2	9	10 23
Chester	19	7	2	0	17	5	2	3	5	7	16 23
Carlisle	20	4	8	0	14	5	1	8	3	6	9 22
Plymouth	20	4	5	1	14	11	3	3	4	16	16 22
Rotherham	20	7	0	3	12	7	2	4	4	9	12 22
Southend	20	6	1	3	16	7	0	7	3	11	14 20
Chesterfield	20	5	2	3	15	13	1	6	3	10	11 20
Colchester	19	6	4	0	15	8	0	4	5	5	13 20
Exeter	20	5	4	2	15	7	1	3	5	8	12 19
Sheff Wed	20	2	6	2	8	9	3	3	4	9	14 19
Walsall	20	4	3	3	19	14	2	3	5	11	14 16
Blackpool	19	6	2	2	13	5	1	2	6	5	20 18
Oxford	20	3	5	2	9	9	1	5	8	9	16 18
Hull	19	4	4	1	16	8	2	1	7	8	16 17
Mansfield	20	2	5	2	8	9	2	4	5	13	16 17
Peterborough	20	3	5	2	11	9	1	3	6	10	21 15
Bury	19	1	5	3	13	14	1	6	3	8	11 15
Brentford	20	6	1	3	10	7	0	2	8	6	18 15
Tranmere	19	3	5	1	15	11	0	2	8	5	20 13
Lincoln	19	1	5	4	10	10	0	1	8	4	19 8

DIVISION IV	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
Wimbledon	20	9	1	0	21	8	3	5	2	14	13 30
Reading	20	8	2	0	23	5	3	4	3	11	12 28
Portsmouth	20	8	1	1	17	2	4	2	4	15	14 27
Barnsley	19	5	2	2	16	8	5	4	1	12	5 26
Aldershot	20	6	3	1	16	6	2	6	2	9	10 25
Grimsby	20	6	2	2	18	10	4	2	4	12	11 24
Wigan	20	6	0	2	14	9	3	4	4	8	10 22
Bournemouth	19	5	2	3	15	9	2	4	3	5	5 20
Hereford	20	5	5	0	18	8	2	1	7	11	16 20
Stockport	20	6	2	2	15	5	1	4	5	12	18 20
Port Vale	19	2	6	2	15	14	5	0	4	15	12 20
Torquay	19	6	1	2	15	7	3	1	6	9	18 20
Scunthorpe	20	6	1	3	16	12	1	4	5	7	12 19
Hartlepool	19	3	5	2	15	12	3	2	4	6	15 19
York	19	4	2	3	10	10	4	1	5	9	15 19
Huddersfield	20	6	4	1	15	8	0	2	7	5	15 18
Northampton	20	5	4	1	18	10	1	2	7	11	22 18
Newport	20	3	3	4	12	14	3	3	4	13	15 18
Bradford	19	4	2	3	16	12	4	0	6	10	19 18
Derlington	20	3	4	3	11	8	2	2	6	10	18 16
Doncaster	20	4	4	3	13	11	1	2	6	9	18 16
Crawley	20	2	3	5	12	18	1	5	4	8	19 14
Reckdale	20	2	3	5	7	14	0	3	7	4	21 10
Halifax	21	1	3	6	5	14	0	2	9	8	24 7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Premier Division	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
Dundee U	17	5	3	1	14	6	2	4	2	9	9 21
Partick T	17	8	1	1	15	9	2	3	4	3	6 20
Aberdeen	17	5	3	1	19	7	1	4	3	10	10 19
Celtic	17	4	3	2	12	8	3	2	3	14	14 19
St Mirren	17	4	1	3	9	6	3	3	3	11	10 18
Rangers	17	4	4	1	17	9	1	4	3	4	9 18
Hibernian	17	2	6	1	10	9	2	2	4	8	12 16
Morton	17	4	1	3	14	13	1	5	3	7	12 15
Hearts	17	2	4	2	9	10	3	0	6	13	24 14
Motherwell	17	0	2	6	6	15	3	1	5	11	19 8

DIVISION I	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	
Dundee	21	5	4	0	17	4	5	2	4	14	12 28
Clydebank	20	8	1	1	25	13	4	1	5	17	19 26
Ayr Utd	20	6	2	4	22	13	5	1	2	15	11 25
Kilmarnock	21	4	4	1	17	6	4	4	4	20	16 24
Hamilton	21	7	2	2	25	14	2	4	4	9	18 24
Clyde	21	6	1	4	23	18	3	4	3	18	17 23
Dumfries	20	4	2	3	13	8	3	6	2	18	16 22
Airdrie	20	5	3	3	26	19	1	3	5	9	15 18
Raith	20	4	2	3	17	12	3	2	6	14	19 18
Stirling A	20	3	2	4	11	14	4	2	5	11	18 18
On of St	21	7	1	3	18	13	0	3	7	6	27 18
Montrose	20	1	4	3	14	19	3	2	7	19	28 14
S Jhastose	19	1	7	3	10	14	1	2	5	8	16 13
Arbroath	20	4	3	4	16	18	0	2	7	7	23 13

COVENTRY

Programme Guide

COVENTRY CITY have produced a bright, colourful match-day offering for the fans.

Filled with colour and good photographs the programme is thoroughly readable and will certainly keep you occupied as you wait for the teams to come out.

We looked at a number of programmes from this season and they all kept up a high standard and were well worth 30p.

The 24 page programme insert helps give the magazine more reading, but there's plenty of news and views from behind the scenes at Highfield Road to keep the Sky Blues supporter happy.

As well as the usual column from the manager, Coventry give their skipper Mick Cooper a chance to have his say and there's an opportunity to meet one of the staff or players in a special page feature.

There's a comprehensive facts and figures section, plus a thorough introduction to the visitors.

Many programme compilers have dispensed with pen-pictures of the opposing team's players — but it is good to see Coventry have not. It is always interesting to get some background on a player you do not instantly recognise.

Star rating guide
★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Good
★★★ Satisfactory
★★ Poor
★ Terrible

Sky Blue ratings: Content: ★★★★★
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Christmas clue to the title

Match reveals past-winners' icy secret

BET your last stocking filler that the current leaders of the First Division will win the Championship.

That's the message to come out of a special Match Weekly Christmas survey.

Back-tracking through the snowy months of years gone by we discovered that in 17 of the 34 seasons since the war the Christmas time leaders went on to take the title.

It's been the case in each of the last three seasons with Nottingham Forest and Liverpool twice.

But teams can slip up badly in the second half of the season . . .

In season 1949-50 Liverpool were three points clear at the top when everyone tucked in to the turkey . . . but when the season ended they were eighth!

And even worse happened to Manchester



United in season 1971-72. They were FOUR points clear only to finish eighth.

In recent times the race has always been pretty close at this time of year. In four out of the last six seasons just goal average or goal difference separating the top two.

But in season 1960-61 Tottenham (in their double winning year) were an incredible ten points clear.

Their record was: played 23, won 20, lost one, drawn two!

Only two teams have ever come close to matching that feat — Wolves in season 1957-58 when they were eight points clear and Leeds in season 1973-74 when they were seven points ahead of the rest.

Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson proudly hoists the League Championship trophy over his head after the Reds second title success in succession last season.

CHRISTMAS TIME FIRST DIVISION
LEADERS SINCE THE WAR

	P	W	L	D	Pts	Points lead over second club	Final position
1946-47 Wolves	21	14	5	2	30	2	3
1947-48 Arsenal	21	13	1	7	33	3	1
1948-49 Newcastle United	22	12	3	7	31	1	4
1949-50 Liverpool	22	11	2	9	31	3	8
1950-51 Middlesbrough	23	13	3	7	33	2	4
1951-52 Portsmouth	22	14	5	3	31	2	6
1952-53 Wolves	22	11	4	7	29	2	4
1953-54 Wolves	23	15	3	5	35	2	3
1954-55 Wolves	22	11	4	7	29	1	1
1955-56 Manchester U.	21	14	3	6	30	3	2
1956-57 Manchester U.	23	16	2	5	37	3	1
1957-58 Wolves	22	11	4	7	29	8	1
1958-59 Bolton W.	23	20	1	2	42	3	4
1959-60 Tottenham H.	21	14	5	2	30	10	3
1960-61 Tottenham H.	22	14	3	6	34	3	2
1961-62 Burnley	23	14	4	4	32	3	1
1962-63 Everton	22	14	3	6	34	2	1
1963-64 Tottenham H.	21	14	4	4	32	1	4
1964-65 Manchester U.	22	12	5	2	30	2	1
1965-66 Liverpool	25	17	4	4	38	1	1
1966-67 Manchester U.	24	18	3	3	39	3	2
1967-68 Manchester U.	23	15	1	7	37	1	1
1968-69 Liverpool	22	14	2	6	34	2	2
1969-70 Everton	23	14	3	6	34	4	2
1970-71 Leeds United	21	15	0	6	36	2	8
1971-72 Manchester U.	22	8	2	12	28	7	1
1972-73 Liverpool	22	11	3	8	29	GA	1
1973-74 Leeds United	18	11	2	5	27	GA	4
1974-75 Everton	20	14	3	3	31	GA	1
1975-76 Liverpool	20	14	3	3	31	2	3
1976-77 Ipswich Town	20	12	2	6	30	1	1
1977-78 Nottingham F.							
1978-79 Liverpool							
1979-80 Liverpool							

GA = Goal average. GD = Goal difference

The table above tells you at a glance which team led the First Division prior to the Boxing Day games in each year since the war.
It tells you how many games each team had played, won, drawn and lost . . . how big their lead was . . . and how they finished up at the end of the season.



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Chris Williams

from Solihull, West Midlands . . .

How do you enjoy the captain's job at Villa and what's important as skipper of a successful side which contains so many young players?

THE nicest thing about being captain is that you are the first one to get your hands on any trophy the team might win!

And that's something I hope will happen this season, Chris.

Actually, there's not that many young players in the side now. We have a lot of experience.

There's probably only three you could call inexperienced and they are playing alongside guys who can help them.

The most important thing is to keep their confidence high and their concentration going. It's up to the older players to make sure the heads don't drop.

At the moment the younger players are full of confidence anyway because they are playing in a successful side. They are going out with enthusiasm and they don't have some of the worries that older more experienced players have.

One player soon to appear in this feature is Arsenal and England star Graham Rix, so if you have any questions for him get them in now.

And don't forget we'll pay £2 for each question we publish.

IAN COLE

(12), from Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands . . .

How do you rate Villa's exciting striker Gary Shaw and do you think he is in line for international honours?

LET'S put it this way Ian — Gary Shaw could become one of the greatest goalscorers every to play for England.

It's been a pleasure to watch his progress over the last three or four years.

Two years ago his workrate was a little suspect, but he's come on a heck of a lot since then. His ability has doubled in that time.

His close control and ability to turn players is fantastic and if he keeps on the same lines nothing can stop him playing for his country.

When he reaches his peak with two or three more years First Division football under his belt he's going to be a world beater.

DO you have a question for your favourite player? If so just jot it down and send it to Tackle a Star, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Mark Ward

from Wood End, Coventry . . .

DO you think that the side is good enough to maintain their current position and who do you feel are your main rivals?

PERSONALLY, Mark, I feel the current side is the best we have had at Villa, certainly since I have been with the club and I've spoken to a few supporters who feel the same.

There's a lot of ability in the team and a good blend of youth and experience, but I'm sure the title race is going to be very close.

We have plenty of rivals — Liverpool, Arsenal, West Brom, Ipswich . . . you can't discount anyone.

Jim Tilsley

from Market Rasen, Lincolnshire:

What are your main interests and hobbies outside the game?

I ENJOY a game of golf Jimmy — I regard it as something guaranteed to give me a nice walk.

And I'm keen on photography.

I've taken photographs during a couple of youth games at Villa Park and once when I was suspended for three matches I took pictures of the first team games from the bench.

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TRUDY BUNEGAR

from Redditch, Worcestershire:

How did you feel when you were picked to captain the England 'B' team against Australia?

OBVIOUSLY I was delighted Trudy. It's always nice to be picked by one's country in any representative game.

Of course I would have loved to have played for the full England team and I feel that over the last five or six years I've played well enough to have been given a

chance.

I consider myself a little unlucky in that I've probably gone and got myself injured at the wrong moment, but playing for England is not something I think too much about anymore.

Ron Greenwood now has to concentrate on getting the team right for the World Cup in Spain and I feel that players like Glenn Hoddle, Gordon Cowans, Bryan Robson and Graham Rix are about the right ages for the job.

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1908-9 Division One; 1909-25 Division

Two; 1925-35 Division One; 1935-37

Division Two; 1937-39 Division One;

1946-54 Division Two; 1954-55 Division

One; 1955-57 Division Two; 1957-69

Division One; 1969-71 Division Two;

1971-78 Division One; 1978-80 Division

Two; 1980- Division One.

HONOURS: Division One runners-up

1920-29. Division Two champions: 1924-25,

1936-37, 1953-54, 1956-57, 1970-71, 1979-80;

runners-up: 1907-8. F.A. Cup runners-up:

1949, 1961, 1963, 1969. League Cup

winners: 1964; runners-up: 1965.

RECORD VICTORY: 10-0 v Portsmouth,

Division One, October 20, 1928.



LEICESTER CITY skipper Mark Wellington.

RECORD DEFEAT: 0-12 v Nottingham
Forest, Division One, April 21, 1909.

MOST LGE. POINTS: 61, Div 2, 1956-57.

MOST LGE. GOALS: 109, Div 2, 1956-57.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON:

Arthur Rowley, 44, 1956-57.

MOST AGGREGATE LEAGUE GOALS:

Arthur Chandler, 262, 1923-35.

MOST CAPPED PLAYERS: Gordon Banks

37 (73 in total).

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 530,

Adam Black, 1919-35.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED:

£325,000 from Stoke City for Peter Shilton,

November 74.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £250,000 to

Bruges (Belgium) for Roger Davies,

December 1977, to Oldham for Alan

Young, May 1979, and to Partick for Jim

Melrose in May 80.

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Johnny

Duncan, Norman Bullock, David Halliday,

Matt Gillies, Frank O'Farrell, Jimmy

Bloomfield, Frank McLintock, Jock

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PHIL NEAL

Liverpool and England

FULL NAME: Philip Neal
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Irchester, Northants, February 20, 1952.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11½ins/12st 2lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Sue.
CHILDREN: Natasha (7), Ashley (6).
CAR: Toyota Celica.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Northampton.
WORST EVER INJURY: Depressed cheek bone at Northampton.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle (Spurs) because of his all-round skills.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: England.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona of Argentina — he's the next Pele.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Wilson, Madeley, Moore, Todd, Ball, Bell, Bremner, Keegan, Charlton (R), Best.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Facchetti (Italy), Breitner (W. Germany), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Vogts (W. Germany), Gerson (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Best (Northern Ireland), Rivelino (Brazil).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
BEST GOAL SCORED: The one that clinched England's place in the European Championships when we beat Denmark in Copenhagen in 1978.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bobby Charlton's special against Mexico in the 1966 World Cup.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Eddie Gray of Leeds United.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1977 European Cup Final in Rome against Borussia Moenchengladbach when we won 3-1.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: End of the above game and scoring the third from the penalty spot.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: England's failure in this year's European Championships and, losing to Manchester United in the 1977 FA Cup Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, squash and swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Live performances, concerts.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, two-faced people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawcety Towers.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Blankety Blank.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: ELO, Michael Jackson and Gerry Rafferty.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Smoked salmon and prawns.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert Redford, Sophia Loren.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Airplane.
BEST FRIEND: My mother-in-law.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bill Dodgin, Dave Bowen at Northampton and Bob Paisley.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Ugly scenes on the terraces.
SUPERSTITIONS: Getting changed in the same order.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 28 full caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To remain healthy and play as long as I can.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in the 1982 World Cup.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Liverpool's Sammy Lee — the new Ian Callaghan.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: There's no substitute for hard work. Always listen to advice.

Phil Neal

